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It's Christmas Time In The City

QUINCY'S HOLIDAY SEASON kicked off in earnest the weekend after Thanksgiving as the city hosted a trio of festivities and celebrations. Above: holiday lights were turned on at the Hancock-Adams Common on Friday, Nov. 24. Shown above is one of two colorful Christmas trees that adorn the common along with strings of white lights that decorate the trees in the common. Below left: Santa arrived in style at Pageant Field Saturday, Nov. 25 as he landed by helicopter. With the jolly old elf are some of the costumed characters that also fanned out to greet eager children. Below right: youngsters show their holiday spirit riding along on the Quincy Catholic Academy float that was among the many units featured in the 70th annual Quincy Christmas Parade Sunday, Nov. 26. More photos from the all three events begin on Page 14. Top and bottom right photo by Robert Bosworth; photo at bottom left by Larry Carchedi.

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OVER 200 PEOPLE attended the Quincy Elks veterans' dinner, including many disabled and/or hospitalized veterans.

JIM FOLK, Joanie Lynch and Don Knight visit with veterans. *Courtesy Photos*

More Than 200 People Attend

Quincy Lodge Of Elks Holds Event Honoring Veterans

The Quincy Lodge of Elks #943 recently held a dinner to recognize veterans from across the Greater Boston area.

The event, held at the Tirrell Room, was attended by over 200 people. Jim Folk, chairman of the Elks Veterans Committee, organized the event in collaboration with Mark Edwards of the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Folk said it was important for the Elks to recognize the men and women who have served our country. He said a goal of the Lodge Veterans Committee, Morrisette Honor Guard, North Quincy ROTC, and Joe Feeley this year was to make a concerted effort to reach out and include veterans who are disabled and/or currently hospitalized.

To accomplish this, Folk and the committee worked with a number of surrounding veterans' hospitals, including the Chelsea Soldiers' Home, Jamaica Plain VA Medical Center, West Roxbury VA Medical Center, and the Brockton VA Medical Center.

"We had so many veterans not just from Quincy, but from all the surrounding communities, come out to be recognized and thanked for their service," Folk said. "Many of them served in Vietnam, some served in Korea, but no matter when they served, they are deserving of our gratitude."

Folk said that thanks to a grant provided to the Elks, every veteran who attended the event received a free hat and jacket to thank them for their service. It was a day to live up to the Elks pledge: "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Wreaths Across America Day Dec. 16

By SCOTT JACKSON

Volunteers will place wreaths on the graves of thousands of veterans interred in the city's cemeteries as part of National Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, Dec. 16.

Volunteers are needed at both Mount Wollaston and Pine Hill Cemeteries that day, said Christine Cugini, the city's director of veterans' services.

A brief ceremony will be held at Mount Wollaston Cemetery at noon, with Robert Noble Jr. as the guest speaker. Those who plan on volunteering should arrive before the noon ceremony.

If you are making a donation and it is a grave specific donation and you wish to place the wreath, please call 617-777-9366 to make sure the grave is marked before the ceremony, Cugini said. This will ensure no one places the wreath but the person who made the donation.

Donations may be made online at wreathsacrossamerica.org to Sponsorship Group MA0036. Checks can also be made out to Wreaths Across America and mailed to Quincy Post #95, PO Box 52, 500 R Washington St., Attn: Quincy WAA, Quincy, MA 02169.

The Wreaths Across America initiative began in 1992, when Maine businessman Morrill Worcester arranged to have wreaths placed on the graves of veterans interred at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. The organization's yearlong mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

WREATHS across AMERICA

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Cugini helped bring the initiative to Quincy in 2018 after attending the Wreaths Across America Day event at Arlington National Cemetery the previous year. In 2018, hundreds of volunteers helped place some 3,200 wreaths on veterans' graves at Mount Wollaston Cemetery. The program expanded to Pine Hill Cemetery the following year.

Antiques Roadshow's Ken Gloss At Crane Library Dec. 13

The Thomas Crane Public Library will host an informative talk and Q&A with Antiques Roadshow's Ken Gloss on Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, 40 Washington St., Quincy.

The public is welcome to join Ken Gloss, proprietor of Brattle Book Shop and appraiser of PBS's long-running hit show, "Antiques Roadshow" for a special event at the Thomas Crane Public Library.

Gloss specializes in books and manuscripts. He currently appraises books and libraries for several universities including Harvard University, Boston University, Boston College, and Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Gloss is a past president of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America's New England Chapter. He also sits on the associate board of the Boston Public Library.

Brattle Book Shop has been run by the Gloss family since 1949. Ken Gloss started working for his father, George, at the age of five and has been working there full-time since 1973. He attended Boston Latin School and graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

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Median Residential Tax Bill To Increase Over $500

Commercial Property Tax Rate Also Rising

By SCOTT JACKSON

The property tax bill for the median single-family home in the city of Quincy will rise more than $500 in the new year, and the tax rates for residential and commercial property will both increase.

City councillors on Monday approved a series of measures, all introduced by Mayor Thomas Koch, that

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THE GRINCH says hello to many of the young children who gathered at Pageant Field Nov. 25 to watch Santa Claus arrive by helicopter. More photos on Page 15. *Quincy Sun Photo/Larry Carchedi*

Acoustic Song Circle At Crane Library Tonight

The Thomas Crane Public Library invites the public to an Acoustic Song Circle with Mike Delaney on Thursday, Dec. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Singers, musicians, poets, and listeners are invited to share an evening of acoustic music and spoken word. Delaney, a lifelong Quincy resident, will host as performers take turns playing songs or reciting poems. You might call this a cèilidh (Scottish) or a céilí (Irish), both pronounced "KAY-lee," but everyone is welcome for this family-friendly gathering.

A listening room atmosphere is encouraged and all who are willing will be given a chance to perform.

Houghs Neck Tree Lighting At Fire Station Dec. 10

The Houghs Neck Community Council will sponsor its second annual Lobsterpot/Trap Tree Lighting on the lawn of the Sea Street Fire Station on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 5 p.m.

The event will also include a Memorial Wreath Laying at the Veterans Memorial just across Sea Street in front of the Atherton Hough School. The wreath will be placed by the Houghs Neck American Legion Post Commander along with their Color Guard.

The festive joy of the season will include music provided by the youth groups. The Master of Ceremonies will do a count down to illuminate the tree and Santa will arrive with candy for the children. Stop over to the Houghs Neck Congregational Church for light refreshments.

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Salvation Army Red Kettle Match Challenge Dec. 16

The Salvation Army is hosting a match challenge for its red kettles on Saturday, Dec. 16th. All cash donations up to $5,000 will be matched on that day.

To support the Quincy Salvation Army Kettle Campaign, bring a cash donation to the following stores: Walmart in Quincy or Weymouth; Stop & Shop in Quincy, North Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree, or Hingham; Shaw's in Braintree or Weymouth; South Shore Plaza, Star Market in Quincy, or Hobby Lobby in Braintree. All funds help support the year round local work of the Quincy Salvation Army.

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Median Residential Tax Bill To Increase Over $500

Median Assessed Value For A Single-Family Home In Quincy In Fiscal Year 2024 Is $616,200; Up From $576,200 In FY 2023

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will help shape the property tax rates for 2024.

The new tax rate for residential properties is $11.27 per $1,000 of assessed value, up from $11.13 in the current year. The new rate for commercial, industrial and personal property, also known as the CIP rate, is $22.45 per $1,000 of assessed value, up from $22.18 this year.

The median assessed value for a single-family home in the city in fiscal year 2024 is $616,200, according to Colleen Healy, the chairperson of the city's assessors. Last year's median assessed value was $576,200.

The change in property values and the rise in the tax rate means the property tax bill for the median single-family home in the city will rise from $6,413 to $6,944, an increase of $531.

The tax levy, the amount the city will collect in property taxes, for fiscal year 2024 is $290.89 million, according to Eric Mason, the city's director of municipal finance. Last year's levy was $264.33 million.

In her presentation, Healy noted that the total value of all properties in the city is $22.68 billion, up from $20.85 billion the previous year. Residential properties comprise 86 percent of that total value.

The assessed value of new growth is $458.56 million, and the city will collect $6.9 million in property taxes on that new growth, according to Healy. Included in the new growth figure is the mixed-use development 231 Hancock St., an 18-unit development at 54 Winter St. and a 16-unit development at 194 Quincy Ave. The figure also includes the partially complete projects at 100 Whitwell St., 189 Hancock St. and 1200 Hancock St.

The assessed values for homes in fiscal year 2024 are based on sales that occurred in calendar year 2022, Healy said. There were 374 arms-length sales of single-family homes in the city in 2022, she said, 188 of which sold for between $600,000 and $800,000. The median sale price for single-family homes was $660,00. The median sale price was highest in Squantum at $1 million. Quincy Center had the second highest median price at $722,000.

During Monday's meeting, councillors approved four items that will provide a total of $13.9 million in tax relief in a series of 8-0 votes; Ward 2 Councillor Anthony Andronico was not in attendance for the meeting.

The first of those measures was the appropriation of $2.2 million to various accounts within the budget for the current fiscal year, FY24, from prior fiscal year encumbrances. Mason said those encumbrances come from roughly 700 separate accounts.

The second measure was the appropriation of $4.98 million from the city's stabilization fund, also known as the rainy day fund, to reduce the tax rate. Mason said the city anticipates having roughly $5 million in free cash certified by the state and those funds will be put into the stabilization account to make up for the funds appropriated on Monday. Susan O'Connor, the city auditor, said there was $12.37 million in the stabilization account prior to Monday's vote, leaving $7.38 million in the account following the appropriation.

The third measure was the elimination of a $5.2 million line item for the pension stabilization fund. Mason said that item was not needed because the pension system is currently fully funded.

The final measure was the transfer of $1.5 million from the OPEB stabilization fund to pay retiree health insurance costs. Mason said retiree health insurance costs have been "quite aggressive" during the past three years, but that is expected to end after this year.

After those measures passed, councillors then voted on two other items directly related to the tax rate. The first, approved unanimously, adopted a residential factor of 87.8749. The second item, approved in a 7-1 vote with Councillor Anne Mahoney opposed, determined the proportion of the tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property.

Councillors' votes to set the residential factor and determine the proportion of the tax levy borne by the classes of real and personal property mean the city will again tax residential and commercial properties at different rates. The difference between the two rates will continue to be the largest allowed under state law.

Quincy has used a split rate since 1984, Healy said. Without a split rate next year, the tax rate for both residential and commercial properties would have been $12.83 per $1,000 of assessed value, she said in her presentation. Using a split rate will reduce the portion of the tax levy drawn on residential properties from $250.41 million to $220.05 million.

Ward 5 Councillor Charles Phelan Jr., who noted he owns commercial property in the city, said adopting a split rate is one of the few ways councillors can reduce taxes on residential properties.

"I'm for adopting a higher tax rate for commercial business and industrial property to keep the residential rate as low as we can," he said.

Ward 4 Councillor James Devine said using the split rate is not keeping businesses away from Quincy.

"In Ward 4 alone this year we've had quite a few businesses come in and open up," he said. "I think the higher burden that the commercial is picking up is not shying people away from coming to Quincy."

Mahoney said the presentations made by Mason and Healy during Monday's meeting did not entirely match up. One slide in Mason's presentation put the 50th percentile for home values in the city at $576,838 while Healy stated the median assessed value for single-family homes was $616,200.

"Colleen's packet has it at $616,000 and you have the median at $576,000," Mahoney said to Mason.

"The difference there is when it gets reported in the paper tomorrow, the average homeowners, meaning anyone whose house is worth $576,000 will have an increase of $418…versus the $616,000 that Colleen was reporting in her package, which would be closer to $500."

City councillors held a public hearing on taxes prior to their votes on Monday.

During that public hearing, Anneli Johnson of Garfield Street said the city should assess apartment buildings at the commercial rate, not the residential rate, and use the new revenue to provide tax breaks to seniors.

"There's an awful lot of apartments that are assessed at the residential rate and that does not seem to be fair," Johnson said. "They are truly a business. They are commercial operations."

During the subsequent council meeting, Ward 3 Councillor Ian Cain noted the state law requires apartment buildings be taxed at the residential rate, not the commercial one. In addition, he said the entities that own such buildings do pay business taxes, just not to the municipality in which they are located.

Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **Dec. 18, 1966**, Dr. Seuss's popular book "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" was made into an animated TV special narrated by well-known horror movie star Boris Karloff, who also provided the voice of the titular character, and shown for the first time on CBS.

• On **Dec. 19, 1942**, American fighter pilot Eddie Rickenbacker was pulled out of the Pacific Ocean after being lost at sea for 22 days. He and six other men would have starved to death if they hadn't caught and eaten a seagull. Rickenbacker was on a special mission in the South Pacific when he went missing.

• On **Dec. 20, 1990**, the Population Crisis Committee declared Lagos, Nigeria the worst city in the world in which to live, with the top-ranked cities listed as Montreal, Melbourne and Seattle-Tacoma. Half of Lagos' homes lacked water and electricity, and only one person in 100 owned a telephone. The city also had a density of 5.8 persons per dwelling.

• On **Dec. 21, 2007**, Britain's former prime minister Tony Blair left the Anglican Church to become a Roman Catholic. The cardinal who led the service to welcome him said he was "very glad" to do so, but controversy remained on whether the conversion was in pursuit of the European Union presidency.

• On **Dec. 22, 1945**, broadcast journalist Diane Sawyer was born in Louisville, Kentucky. Before landing at CBS in 1978, she was a White House press aide during the Richard Nixon administration and later assisted Nixon with his memoirs. At one point she was the highest-paid woman in American TV news.

• On **Dec. 23, 1954**, Dr. Joseph E. Murray and several other surgeons performed the first truly successful human kidney transplant, between identical twin brothers, at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.

• On **Dec. 24, 1828**, eggnog riots began at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York, in what was also known as the Grog Mutiny. The disturbances were sparked by cadets' copious consumption of eggnog made with smuggled whiskey and lasted until the next day.

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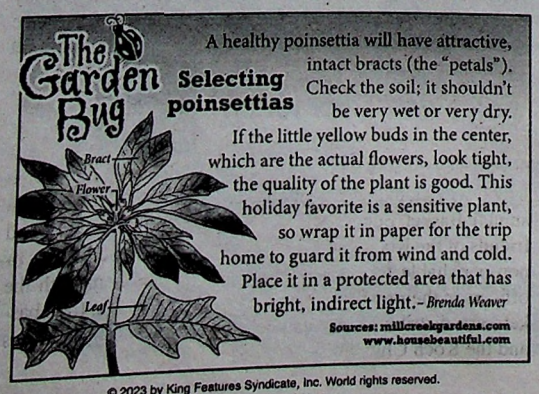

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Boston Tea Party 250th Anniversary Celebration Dec. 16

The staff of the Thomas Crane Public Library will present an informative Boston Tea Party 250th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 2-3 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, Main Library, 40 Washington St.

The public is invited to join the Thomas Crane Public Library, The Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum, and Tea Master Bruce Richardson for a virtual discussion on Dec. 16, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party.

Participants will discuss the origin stories of the five teas that were tossed into the Boston Harbor in 1773.

This event is free to attend and no registration is required. Tea and light snacks will be provided.

Winter Solstice Event At Library Dec. 21

The Thomas Crane Public Library will host a Winter Solstice Cocoa and Coloring event on Thursday, Dec. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Atrium, Main Library, 40 Washington St.

The event will include free hot cocoa, coloring and cozy reading recommendations provided by the Thomas Crane Public Library.

Sign-ups for the Winter Reading Club are encouraged and will also be available throughout the event.

Scenes From Yesterday

STEPHEN PENNIMAN and Son Livery Company that was located behind the Greenleaf Building on the corner of Hancock and Granite Streets in Quincy Square mailed this advertisement postcard in March 1909. They provided hackney, livery and boarding services at their stables there. They also provided public carriages at the Quincy railroad depot. This brand new Model T Ford was one of the first built by the Ford Motor Company in Detroit and was the first motorized taxicab in Quincy. In 1910, there were only 300 motor vehicles registered in the city. The Penniman family provided taxi service in Quincy for over 50 years.

From the Tom Galvin Postcard Collection

Board Grants Three Licenses

By SCOTT JACKSON

During its most recent meeting on the afternoon of Nov. 28, the Board of License Commissioners granted three requests.

Those items include:

The request of the Quincy Catholic Academy, 370 Hancock St., for a special-use permit for a craft fair that will be held this Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair will include food trucks and refreshments.

The request of R&R Group 271 Inc. d/b/a Bheemas Indian Cuisine for a common victualer for the premises at 271 Quincy Ave due to a change in ownership. Manager Vamshi Ramasahayam said no major changes are in store for the eatery. Its hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 11 p.m.

The request of Quincy's LBGTQ+ Commission for one-day liquor license for a holiday comedy/dance event that took place this past Saturday, Dec. 2, at The Woodward School, 1102 Hancock St.

READERS FORUM

A Few Comments About Recent Election Letters

In response to Natalie Rossi's submission to this week's Readers Forum: common sense dictates that political campaign spending more often than not yields votes. Deeper pockets tend to win races.

It's public record that our mayor's campaign spending outpaced Mahoney's by an extremely hefty margin. It's also public record that over half of the donations for his campaign came from outside of Quincy, whereas a single-digit percentage of donations for her campaign came from outside of Quincy.

We can do with those facts what we will, but your being insulted by the presentation of this information is not relevant.

We can only hope there will be greater transparency this mayoral term, and that the voices of all Quincyans will be heard.

In response to Mary Ellen Reardon's submission calling us to vote: Right on. Our local democracy would benefit greatly from working to engage our fellow Quincyans who aren't as tuned in (reading the Sun for example) to participate not only in elections, but in year-round civic engagement.

Bill Spirito
Wollaston

Time To Move On From City Election

As I read the two letters to the editor in last week's Quincy Sun, I thought it might be high time to get past the recent re-election of Mayor Tom Koch. Both writers seemed to pooh pooh the margin of victory. I considered Koch's vote in the general election to be pretty good. I don't remember anyone calling the re-election either as a blowout or landslide.

It would seem by the tone of their letters neither of the two writers were Koch voters. While it is sad about the 29.93 percent turnout which is pretty low but elections are won or lost on ballots cast from the pool of voters who actually take the time and effort to vote.

When I tallied up the votes cast, Tom Koch appears to have received 55.5 percent to Ann Mahoney's 44.4 percent. Now is not the time to rehash the election. The mayor has been re-elected by a healthy 11 percent margin. That should be considered a good win in anyone's book.

Anne Mahoney put up a good fight once again and should be credited for her political career that has always shown her love for the betterment of the City of Quincy as it continues to move forward being a great place to live and to work in.

Sal Giarratani
East Boston

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Quincy's Yesterdays

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Council OKs Tobin Request For Audit

The City Council approved a request by Council President and Mayor-elect Arthur H. Tobin to have the State Bureau of Accounts make an audit of the books of the city of Quincy.

And, if the Bureau of Accounts can't do it then he'd like to see it done by City Auditor Charles L. Shea.

"I would think it would behoove every newly elected official to know what the records show," said Tobin, who succeeds Mayor Joseph J. LaRaia as the city's chief executive on Jan. 3.

"This request ought to have the support of every elected official so that they know that everything is running right in the departments. I know I would like to have this information."

Tobin said the Bureau of Accounts may not want to do the audit right away because the federal government is establishing new rules and regulations for revenue sharing.

"Auditor Shea and I explained our position in the City of Quincy and they said we ought to get the request in and the bureau will take it under consideration.

"If they can't do it because of the rules and regulations of revenue sharing then we ought to perform our own," Tobin said. "The city auditor then has the authority to do what he has to do as auditor."

The Council unanimously approved the request.

HAROLD SEEKS TAX INCENTIVE LAW CHANGE

City Councillor Paul D. Harold urged a special state commission on growth policy to recommend a change in the tax incentive law so it could be used to revitalize downtown areas such as Quincy.

Speaking before the Commission on the Effects of Growth Patterns on the Quality of Life hearing in Plymouth, Harold noted that the present statute which allows cities and towns to give tax incentives to attract new developments is too restrictive.

"The present law applies only to blighted areas," Harold said. "What many other older cities in the Commonwealth need is help before not after they become blighted, because then it's too late."

Harold urged the commission to recommend to the legislature that the law be made more flexible so that it could serve as a tool to revitalize their downtowns.

QUINCY-ISMS

The City Council accepted the annual $10,000 gift from the Quincy Sons of Italy to be used by the city's Capital Improvement Fund. Also accepted were gifts of $100 from Remick's of Quincy, $100 from the Bryan VFW Post, $250 from the Quincy Oil Fund and $100 from the Colonial Federal Savings Bank, all destined for the Boys' Home Account. . . **Airman Anne R. Carroll** has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, after completing six weeks of training. . . . **Kathleen Grant** of Cherry Street, Quincy Point, a senior at Quincy High School, was selected as the school's delegate to the 31st annual Student Government Day Program. . . . Old Colony Bank and Trust Company of Norfolk County advertised a "highly competitive 9.31 annual percentage rate on a new car loan" with 20 percent down. . . . **Mr.** and **Mrs. Norman S. Gellatly** will present a Christmas musical program at the Quincy Women's Club Dec. 13 at their club house, 148 Presidents Lane. . . **Quincy Atty. Joseph P. McDonough** of Miller Street, West Quincy, was named to the committee for the Suffolk University Law School Alumni Dinner set for Dec. 15 at the Howard Johnson 57 Hotel in Boston. . . The Beth Israel Synagogue Family consisting of the Synagogue, Brotherhood and Council planned a festive Chanukah breakfast and party at Beth Israel Synagogue, Grafton Street, Quincy Point, Dec. 11. . . . **Helen Duffy**, assistant to the Quincy Public Works commissioner, and **Patrolman William Draicchio** of the Quincy Police traffic department, received awards from the Quincy Rotary Club for exemplifying the club's idea of "service above self." The awards were presented at a Neighborhood Club luncheon . . . **Most. Rev. Daniel A. Hart**, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston, will read the Nativity story at an ecumenical Christmas program to be held at the Church of the Presidents, Quincy Square, Dec. 11. Churches throughout the city were invited to participate in the service which will include carol singing . . . The Koch Club's 22nd annual Basket Fund drive is underway and members and friends of the Koch Club wishing to donate canned goods or non-perishable foods are requested to leave them with the officers in their respective leagues or districts. The food baskets are distributed through local charitable organizations and the Koch Club district directors.

THE CYRIL P. MORRISETTE American Legion Post Auxiliary in Quincy recently held a meeting with students and members. Among the guests were the Auxiliary's 2023 Girls State Candidates, Charlotte McConville and Leah Terry. From left to right: Monique Ronan, Elaine Ritchie, Executive Committee; Abby Sheehan, Robyn Nickerson, Cheryl Brinkmann, Executive Committee; Debbie Pope, Executive Committee; Nancy Connolly, Treasurer, Secretary; Leah Terry, Charlotte McConville, Cathy Lewis, President; Ellen Quinn, Sgt. Of Arms and Lynn Borden.

Courtesy Photos

Girls State Candidates Share Experience With Morrisette Post Auxiliary

Charlotte McConville, Leah Terry Guests At Auxiliary Meeting

The Cyril P. Morrisette American Legion Post Auxiliary in Quincy recently held a meeting with students and members. Among the guests were the Auxiliary's 2023 Girls State Candidates, Charlotte McConville and Leah Terry.

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Massachusetts held its annual Girls State program at Stonehill College in Easton June 17-23. Charlotte, attendee of Quincy High School, and Leah, attendee of the Woodward School, were both selected by the Morrisette Post 294 Legion Auxiliary to be their representatives. More than 25,000 students have participated in this program since its first year in 1945.

At Girls State, students from across Massachusetts gather to participate in a week-long study of local and state government. The citizens establish and operate their own municipalities, form political parties, nominate candidates for office, conduct campaigns, and participate in elections.

Speakers, such as state senators and representatives as well as other community leaders, come to campus to speak to the students about their experiences as well as answer all types of questions. Students learn the responsibilities of different branches of government, and the qualifications and benefits of many of the leading professions in political science.

Charlotte and Leah spoke about their experience at Girls State at the Morrisette Auxiliary meeting. They have also shared their experience in a narrative below.

By CHARLOTTE McCONVILLE

Girls State is a week-long immersive program that teaches junior girls about how our government functions as they participate in a mock version. Every state has their own version, and this year Massachusetts' Girls State was hosted by Stonehill College. When citizens - the name for those participating- arrive, they are divided into two political parties: Federalists and Nationalists. The names aren't based around their original meanings, and have no affiliation to any modern political party, but are entirely their own. It's up to Girls State citizens to decide what their parties stand for. From there, citizens are divided into towns- shared dorm rooms and elect their own local government, such as a mayor and police chief.

I was a Federalist, and was put into the town of Democracy. I shared a room with three other girls, all from different parts of Massachusetts. Everyone in our town was given the same uniform- a neon pink shirt with the Girls State emblem on it; different towns got different colored shirts. A lot of people said they felt like a highlighter, but the distinctive colors definitely made finding each other in crowds easier.

After we had been situated in our rooms, there was a welcome assembly, where we learned the Girls State song and got a general overview of the programs they would be offering throughout the week. That was the first time we sang the Girls State song. It was quiet, and no one would have believed you if you told them that by the end of the week we would all be belting it out, and swaying with our neighbors.

After that was the optional combined Catholic Mass/ Protestant Service, which allowed for both Girls and Boys State citizens of the faith to take a moment and do a quick prayer before the week truly began. We then headed back to our dorms and held a town caucus. We voted for a mayor amongst many other positions. I ran for both police chief and town financial manager, of which I was elected to both. Despite there being a significant lack of crime in the town of Democracy, we would still come up with scenarios to give a look into how the actual government would deal with it.

Girls State is truly what you make of it. By 11 p.m., lights would be out, but we'd all stay up in our beds talking to each other, scheming against rival towns, and learning about each other's lives. The next morning, everyone was given a choice of three electives to choose from: law, government, and economics. I went with law, mainly because I'm considering pursuing a career in it, but it also helped that a few of my townmates were going with me. Law was taught by the Honorable Dennis Curran, a retired justice who was on the Massachusetts Superior Court, and also a Boys State Alumnus. He taught us about our judicial system, and how multifaceted American democracy is, as well as how to make the front cover of The Citizen- the Boys and Girls State newspaper- for wearing matching socks and ties. Everyone loved him for that.

We also had the option of taking a minicourse, of which I took West Point Ethics and Leadership. I thought the course was amazing, especially because I'm interested in becoming an officer in the military. We learned about how to seek self-improvement in all aspects of life, especially in leadership positions. This was particularly helpful, because throughout the course of the week, there were many opportunities where I was able to utilize what I had been learning. Communication was a big part of this, especially in open debate.

Before the week had started, Girls State had asked all of its to-be citizens to write a bill concerning Massachusetts. I wrote mine about improvements to the T, and it was chosen for debate. It was very interesting to hear so many opinions about it (especially the dissenting ones from Western Massachusetts!) as well as ideas I hadn't considered while writing it. After our work for the week was done, we held a talent show. The talents ranged from violin duets to slam poetry- and, my personal favorite- fishing jokes. Everyone involved, including the audience, had a wonderful time.

At the end of the talent show, we sang the National Anthem, where everybody was grinning from ear to ear and waving miniature American flags. It was awesome. The whole experience was. I'm truly grateful for having been given the opportunity to go, as I think it's definitely shaped me as a person. I'm still in touch with my townmates too, and I consider them to be close friends. Thank you so much to Morrisette Post 294 for having sponsored me!

By LEAH TERRY

I arrived at Stonehill College for the American Legion Auxiliary Massachusetts Girls State program in mid-June unsure of what to expect in the week to come. However, I wasn't nervous because my mother had attended when she was in high school and assured me that I would enjoy myself. She was right. I walked into the Villa Theresa dorm greeted by friendly faces. I signed in and got my key. My family helped me lug all my things up two flights of stairs. I got to my room which I was sharing with my roommate, Emerson, and we helped each other set up our stuff. I introduced myself to some people in my "town" called Liberty. There were many "towns" and "cities" that made up the Massachusetts Girls State. We started talking and introduced ourselves. We all had a lot in common.

REPRESENTING THE Morrisette American Legion Post Auxiliary at the 2023 Girls State Program were Leah Terry (left) and Charlotte McConville. They shared their Girls State experience with Auxiliary members at a recent meeting at the Morrisette Legion Post.

After an hour or so of this, we met our counselors. They were the best. The counselors went over what we'd be doing for the week, and some activities which were essential to our town completing Girls State, such as nominating candidates for office, conducting campaigns and holding elections. Eventually it was time for dinner, which was really good. I talked to all of the girls in my town and we got to know each other more. I knew it was going to be a good week. Before we were dismissed from dinner to the next activity, all of the counselors went to the mini stage in the cafeteria. They told us to take the Girls State song lyrics out of our folders, and try to sing along. We would sing this song for the rest of the week. I thought it was funny at first but by the end I really enjoyed singing it with everyone.

Each day we attended electives and mini courses. I chose Economics for my elective, which turned out to be one of the highlights of my week. The electives were held with Boys State, happening at the same time at Stonehill. For my mini course I decided to be in the House of Representatives where we voted on positions and discussed the bills that the Girls State citizens had written. I enjoyed this as I liked hearing different people's opinions on various topics. After lunch we would usually have town meetings.

Midweek we held a big election, followed by the inauguration. Then, we had my personal favorite event of the week, the garden party. I got to hang out with my new friends and talk to people who I otherwise wouldn't have got the chance to talk to. It was also a nice break from the learning we had done all week.

I was sad when the week concluded. I am grateful to the Morrisette Post for sponsoring me so I could attend. Not only did I make friends from all over Massachusetts, but I also learned a lot about our government and our country. It was certainly a week to remember.

Boston Pops To Perform Quincy Composer's Original Holiday Composition

Christmas has come early for a Quincy composer, who has learned that his long-held dream of having the legendary Boston Pops perform his holiday overture is about to come true.

Delvyn Case, a music professor at Wheaton College, was recently notified that his original composition, "Rocket Sleigh," will be on the program for the Boston Pops' holiday concerts this year. Keith Lockhart and the orchestra will perform the piece during the series of children's matinees each weekend in December.

It's the realization of a dream 15 years in the making: Case originally composed the piece in 2008, and for over ten years, he said, he has submitted it for the Boston Symphony Orchestra's consideration.

"The Pops' holiday shows are the most famous in the world, and it's really exciting for me that they've decided to add my piece to their shows this season," Case said.

In the 15 years since he wrote "Rocket Sleigh," Case said, the piece has been performed by more than 100 orchestras in the US, UK, Canada, and Europe. Yet it was originally written for the Quincy Symphony Orchestra while Case was teaching music at Eastern Nazarene College.

"I've always had a heart for the community," he said. "I initially wrote 'Rocket Sleigh' for a concert to benefit the Quincy Public Schools music program."

The inspiration for the four-minute piece came from another composition that is now a holiday classic: Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride."

"I loved that piece growing up," Case said of the 1948 holiday staple that was first performed in 1948 by none other than the Boston Pops. "I got to thinking, 'What would Santa drive in the 21st century and what would that sound like symphonically?"

The result was "Rocket Sleigh."

"I kind of consider it a follow-up to Sleigh Ride," said Case, who composed versions for both band and full orchestra. "It still has the jingle bells throughout, but it's faster, louder and more intense."

Case is looking forward to being in the audience at Symphony Hall to hear "Rocket Sleigh" performed by the Pops.

So, what goal will he set once that Christmas wish is fulfilled?

"I'd love to turn on the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade one day and hear 'Rocket Sleigh' being performed."

Santa, are you listening?

Movie Review: 'Napoleon'

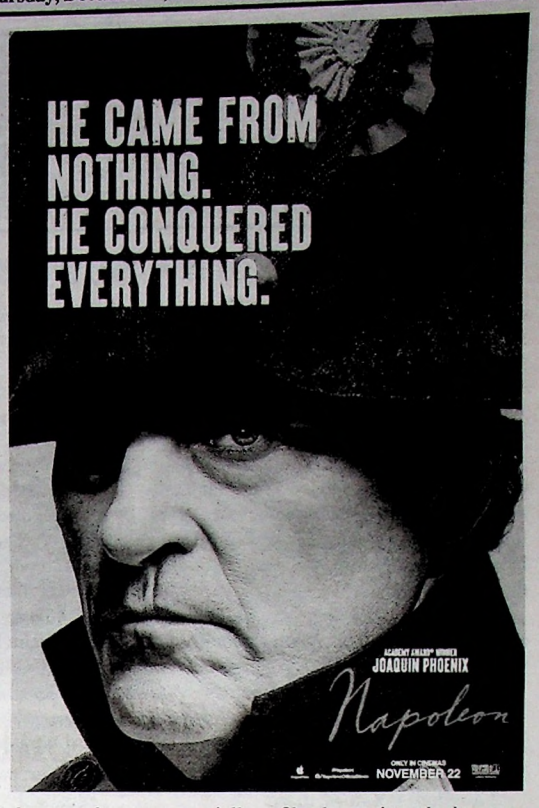
By BOB GARVER

Ridley Scott's "Napoleon" did rather well for itself over Thanksgiving weekend, opening in the #2 position at the domestic box office behind the second weekend of the new "Hunger Games." A debut at #2 behind a not-particularly-beloved returning champion may not sound impressive, but my prediction was that it wouldn't even finish in the top three. The film is a three-hour, R-rated historical epic that isn't getting great reviews or generating much Oscars buzz outside of the technical categories. I thought for sure its performance would pale in comparison to family-friendly fare like "Wish" or "Trolls Band Together." Yet the film pulled what I would consider a major upset over those seemingly surefire hits. Something tells me that Napoleon himself would have a hard time hiding a smirk over how badly I underestimated his biopic.

The movie follows Napoleon Bonaparte (Joaquin Phoenix) from his days as a gunnery officer watching the execution of Marie Antoinette to his rise in the military to General to his participation in a coup that sees him become Emperor of France to his eventual downfall, exile, and worst of all, defeat. We never see him as a child or any version of him that can't plausibly be played by Joaquin Phoenix. Again, if the real Napoleon was anything like the way Phoenix plays him, I bet he'd agree with that decision – skip the humble beginnings and start from one of the most important events in history and go from there.

As with most biopics, half the movie is a love story. He woos a widow named Josephine (Vanessa Kirby), who does not initially believe he is who he says he is. I suppose he's attracted to the challenge. The two have a rocky relationship fraught with obstacles, such as long stretches apart, infertility, affairs on both their parts, and his megalomaniacal nutjob personality. The real Napoleon might begrudgingly concede some wrongdoing in the relationship, though I'm sure he would vehemently object to his portrayal in the couple's intimacy scenes. Right or wrong, it's the sort of thing one invariably denies.

Director Scott wants the audience to care about the relationship, and especially Josephine as a character. As with "The Last Duel," the film chides history buffs that ignore the female perspective. But people aren't coming to this movie for the relationship, they're coming for the battle scenes, and there are plenty of them. There's no shortage of shootings and skewerings, but it's the cannons that do



the most damage, especially when the venue is a frozen lake and the cannons can shatter the entire battlefield. And the less said about what a cannonball does to a horse in one scene, the better. The real Napoleon would probably nitpick some details, but overall approve of the grand scale of these scenes.

There are so many battle scenes in "Napoleon" that I was actually tired of them by the movie's end. I found myself nodding off during the Battle of Waterloo, and then I had no problem making it through a scene of Napoleon eating breakfast the next morning. The relationship stuff drags too, and the film keeps introducing new characters and can't make any of them interesting or memorable to save its life. It can't even make Napoleon himself that interesting, though Phoenix plays the character with some endearingly insecure touches. Basically, there's too much of too much here. The real Napoleon would probably approve of all the excess, though even he might think the movie wastes an excessive amount of time.

Grade: C-

"Napoleon" is rated R for strong violence, some grisly images, sexual content and brief language. Its running time is 158 minutes.

Friends Of Wollaston Beach Dick Herbert Memorial Toy Drive Dec. 7

The Friends of Wollaston Beach invite the public to its annual Dick Herbert Memorial Toy Drive and Holiday Open House on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hancock Tavern, 668 Hancock St., Wollaston.

Enjoy a slice of pizza and engage in some quality time and good conversation.

FWB invites members and the general public to stop by and drop off new, unwrapped toys to be distributed to needy children through Interfaith Social Services.

Not sure what to buy? Gift cards and monetary donations are a perfect alternative and would be greatly appreciated.

Gift cards and checks can be dropped off at the Open House (or at Interfaith Social Services, 105 Adams St., Quincy). Checks should be made payable to Interfaith Social Services with Friends of Wollaston Beach in the memo section.

How about giving a membership to a family member/friend as a stocking stuffer!

For further information, contact FWB president Maureen Mazrimas at 617-257-8295 or by email at FriendsWollastonBeach @gmail.com. Also, be sure to visit FWB's website at FriendsofWollaston.com.

Quincy Memorials, Inc. Named to Inc. 5000 List for Fastest Growing Private Companies

Quincy Memorials, a provider of enduring monuments with five locations in the greater Boston area, has been named to the Inc. 5000 List of Fastest Growing Private Companies in the United States, ranking 62 nationwide in the consumer services category and 3910 overall on the prestigious roster.

The ranking provides a data-driven look at the most successful companies within the economy's most dynamic segment - its independent, entrepreneurial businesses. Facebook, Chobani, Under Armour, Microsoft, Patagonia, and many other household name brands gained their first national exposure as honorees of the Inc. 5000.

In addition to ranking 3910 in fastest-growing private companies in the United States overall and 62 in consumer services, Quincy Memorials was ranked 114 in Quincy, and 119 in Massachusetts.

The Inc. 5000 class of 2023 represents companies that have driven rapid revenue growth while navigating inflationary pressure, the rising costs of capital, and seemingly intractable hiring challenges

"Being recognized not only as one of the fastest growing companies in the United States but placing 62 in the consumer services category is a remarkable achievement, and one that our entire team takes pride in," said Jeffrey M. Poirier, CEO/president and co-owner of the family-owned business that has been serving the needs of families in eastern Massachusetts and beyond since 1979.

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WHAT'S COOKING with *Marie & Suzie*

By MARIE D'OLIMPIO and SUZIE FALCO

Corn Chowder

By MARIE

This recipe for corn chowder is from our Recipe Archives, but I thought you all would like to see it again especially with the upcoming soup, stew and chowder season almost upon us.

I got this recipe from my niece, Jean, who, one day, surprised me and brought me a cup of this delicious corn chowder. Even though I enjoy cooking it's always nice to have someone bring you something that they have made.

I hope you enjoy this corn chowder as much as I did and is definitely a family favorite.

Ingredients:

2 bags of frozen corn kernels, thawed
2 medium potatoes, diced
2 medium onions, chopped
2-3/4 cups whole milk
1 teaspoon granulated sugar
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
8 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
¼ cup whole milk
1/4 teaspoon parsley flakes or fresh parsley, chopped
1/8 teaspoon thyme
2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese

Directions:

In a pot of boiling water, cook the potatoes for 15 minutes.

Reserve 1/2 cup of the cooking water.

Drain potatoes and set aside.

In a skillet, sauté the onions in the 2 tablespoons of butter until golden brown. (Use more butter if needed).

In a large pot over medium heat, combine the corn, 2-3/4 cup milk, sugar, pepper and butter.

Add potatoes, onions, and corn and then add the reserved potato water.

Add remaining 4 tablespoons of butter and pepper, parsley and thyme.

Separately whisk together the ¼ cup milk and flour, until it forms a paste, and stir into the corn mixture.

Cook stirring over medium heat until the mixture is thickened, and corn is cooked through.

Heat to low boil and remove from heat, and stir in the Parmesan cheese until melted.

Serve hot.

Vegetable Fritters For Breakfast

By SUZIE

It's always nice to add veggies to your morning routine. Here is a nice and easy breakfast that you can even make the night before and reheat in the morning. Even good cold!

These are even great as a side dish or bring for lunch and serve with a salad and/or soup.

Ingredients:

1/2 cup oat flour (if you do not have it, you can just use regular oats but put in your blender or food processor and process into a flour)
½ teaspoon aluminum free baking powder
3/4 teaspoon sea salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1/4 tsp garlic powder
1 egg
¼ cup milk of choice (I use almond milk)
1/2 cup grated carrots
1/2 chopped spinach
1 cup grated zucchini
2 green onions, sliced thin
3 tablespoons virgin coconut oil

Directions:

In a mixing bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder, salt, garlic powder and pepper.

In another bowl, beat together the egg, milk, spinach, carrots, zucchini, and onions.

Add this to the dry ingredients and stir until combined.

Using a large skillet, heat 1/2 the oil over medium heat.

Pour the batter by tablespoons into the pan, making a few pancakes at a time.

Cook about 2 minutes on each side and golden brown.

Add the remaining oil to the pan as needed.

Enjoy!

Add A Rosemary Topiary To This Year's Holiday Season

By MELINDA MYERS

Add a fresh look and fragrance to your holidays with a potted Rosemary plant. This favorite herb of cooks, crafters, and gardeners can be sheared into the shape of a wreath, small tree or orb and found at garden centers and florists.

The pine scent and attractive foliage make it a wonderful addition to the holidays. It adds nice color, texture, and fragrance to any room or holiday decor. Add a bow and decorative pot for the perfect hostess or holiday gift.

Rosemary was as popular a Christmas plant as mistletoe and holly until the 20th Century. It's not clear why this plant fell out of favor. Whatever the reason it has not stopped Rosemary from making a big comeback for the holidays.

Rosemary represents love and remembrance, a great sentiment to share during the holidays. Give the plant a pet and the aroma that follows is sure to lift your spirits. Or pluck a sprig to add welcome flavor to your winter meals and beverages. Then move it outdoors in the garden when the danger of frost has passed.

Regular trimming will help maintain its topiary form and keep the plant producing more stems and leaves for a fuller, more robust plant. Prune back or remove overgrown or wayward branches to maintain the desired shape. Remove and use the leaves on these long stems, then turn them into skewers for cooking kabobs. Use trimmings from the tender stem tips and leaves to flavor your holiday meals or mix a few of these into your holiday centerpieces and wreaths.

Keeping Rosemary plants alive and looking their best throughout the winter can be challenging. Grow it in a cool location with bright light to boost your success. Use artificial lights if natural light is limited.

A ROSEMARY TOPIARY offers attractive foliage for holiday décor, a pine aroma, and herbs for holiday meals.
Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

Avoid drafts of hot and cold air. Water your plant thoroughly but only when the soil is just starting to dry. Allowing the soil to go too dry or keeping it too wet will result in the death of your plant. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer. Or place pebbles or marbles in the saucer to elevate the pot above any excess water.

Skip the fertilizer since most plants are experiencing limited growth during winter. Begin fertilizing as needed once the days lengthen and the plants are actively growing in spring.

And if your plant dies, stick it in a corner out of sight, but within reach. A gentle petting of even a dead Rosemary plant will still release a wonderful fragrance for you to enjoy.

Rosemary (Rosmarinus officinalis) is a Mediterranean native and hardy to zone 8. This evergreen perennial herb grows 4 to 6 feet tall outdoors in zones 8 and warmer. There are a few cultivars like Alcalde Cold Hardy, Arp, Athens Blue Spire, and Madeline Hill that are supposed to be hardy to zone 6.

You may have discovered, or others have told you that growing Rosemary indoors can be challenging. Don't let past failures stop you from trying. Just keep trying until you find the location and maintenance routine that keeps your Rosemary thriving under your care. Then consider drying and preserving some of the Rosemary for cooking or gifting to friends and family.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

'Art Of Korea' Online Library Program Dec. 10

The staff of the Thomas Crane Public Library will present "When the Tiger Smoked a Pipe: The Art of Korea" with expert Ginny Meyer. The online program will be held via Zoom on Sunday, Dec. 10 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Learn about the arts of Asia from experts at the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco.

Throughout the Dec. 10 event, participants will learn about Korean stories from long ago and explore the fascinating art Koreans have produced for thousands of years. Today, Korea is one of the leaders in contemporary art production. They have created, adapted and refined a broad spectrum of art forms.

This event is part of an ongoing monthly series. Each month, community members are welcome to learn about a unique topic from the vast, diverse, and ever-evolving continent of Asia.

To learn more about the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, visit www.asianart.org.

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Holiday Recipe Swap At Crane Library Dec. 12

The Thomas Crane Public Library will host a holiday recipe swap event led by librarians Alexa and Rosie on Tuesday, Dec. 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Richardson Building, Main Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy.

The event will include music, tasty treats and hot chocolate, provided by the Thomas Crane Public Library. Community members are encouraged to participate and bring their favorite recipes to share with others.

This event is free to attend and no registration is required.

'Christmas At Houghs Neck - 1893' Dec. 10

The Houghs Neck Historical Series sponsored by the Seaside Social Club of the Houghs Neck Congregational Church will present "Christmas at Houghs Neck - 1893" on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m., 310 Manet Ave., Quincy.

This is a recreation of an 1893 show researched by Houghs Neck historian Patti Williams featuring songs and readings from the original show and other period appropriate additions. Come join the fun and sing along to the carols.

Free admission and refreshments.

Social Security Matters

We're Planning To Claim At 62; What Do We Need To Know?

By RUSSELL GLOOR
National Social Security Advisor
at the AMAC Foundation, The Non-Profit Arm
of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: My wife (born May 1962) and I (born April 1963) are retired and will soon be looking to start collecting our Social Security as we each hit 62. As this is new to us, I'm wondering what things we may need to be aware of or consider as we get closer to her 62 birthday in May. Any advice or information will be appreciated! **Signed:** ***Planning Ahead***

Dear Planning: If you and your wife are both retired from working and have decided to start your (reduced) Social Security as soon as you are eligible at age 62, then there is nothing you need to do in advance of applying. The Social Security retirement benefit amount for each of you will be determined by your individual lifetime earnings record and your age when you claim. If either of you will be eligible for a spousal boost from the other, that will be automatically applied when both of you are collecting.

If your wife plans to claim her Social Security as soon as she is eligible, she should apply for her benefits about 3 months in advance and choose the option on the application which states "I want benefits beginning with the earliest possible month and will accept an age-related reduction." For information, an applicant must be 62 for an entire month to get benefits, so your wife's first month of eligibility will be June 2024. Social Security deals only in whole months and pays benefits in the month following the month earned; so if your wife's birthday is between the 11th and 20th of the month her first Social Security payment will be received in her bank account on the third Wednesday of July. All subsequent payments will be on that same schedule. Then, when it's time for you to claim, you should follow the same process as your wife and, if either of you is entitled to a higher amount as a spouse, it will be automatically applied when your benefits later start.

Applying for benefits is a relatively simple process if done online at www.ssa.gov/apply. Note that to apply online your wife will need to first create her personal "my Social Security" account, which is easy to do at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. To prepare for applying later, you can also create your personal online account now (it's required to apply online), at which you will see what your estimated benefit will be at different ages. Of course, your wife first (and later you) can also call Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 to request an appointment to apply for SS retirement benefits in person. Applications which are not done online are usually taken over the phone vs. requiring a visit to your local Social Security office, but applying online is, by far, the most efficient method (you can link to the application process from your online account).

One important thing to be aware of: By claiming at age 62, the monthly payment for each of you will be 70% of what it would be at your full retirement age (FRA) and that is a permanent reduction. If you expect at least average longevity - about 84 for you and 87 for your wife - and if it is financially feasible, then waiting longer to claim would yield a higher monthly amount as well as the most in cumulative lifetime benefits. For those with an FRA of 67, SS retirement benefits claimed at FRA are 30% higher than at 62 and, if claimed at 70 are 75% more than at 62. And, although the decision on when to claim is always personal, a married couple should also evaluate their joint needs when deciding.

One final word of caution: although you and your wife are now retired from working, be aware that if you claim SS benefits before your FRA and return to work, Social Security has an earnings test which limits how much you can earn before some benefits are taken away. The earnings test lasts until you reach your full retirement age.

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Gather Health Opens Primary Care Practice In Quincy For Older Adults

Gather Health recently celebrated the grand opening of its first permanent practice in Quincy with a ribbon cutting ceremony officiated by Mayor Tom Koch. In addition to Mayor Koch, Tim Cahill, president of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce and Dr. Brent Asplin, co-founder and chief executive officer of Gather Health, also participated in the ceremony.

Approximately 50 people were in attendance as the doors officially opened at the new facility located at 205 Parkingway.

Gather Health serves older adults in underserved communities with primary care that includes both social and home-based support. Caregivers deliver holistic healthcare to older adults that includes everything from at-home visits, to transportation to doctor appointments and even social events such as Bingo.

"I can't think of anything more important than what's opening here today," Koch said. He praised Gather Health's high touch-point, primary care approach that is aimed at keeping older adults out of the hospital and in their community, "One size fits all healthcare doesn't work anymore," he said.

GATHER HEALTH recently celebrated the grand opening of its first permanent practice in Quincy with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The new facility is located at 205 Parkingway. From left to right: Dr. Brent Asplin M.D., Matt Kaminske, Runnell Townsend, Dr. John Loughnane, M.D., Mayor Tom Koch and Tim Cahill, president, Quincy Chamber of Commerce.

Courtesy Photo

Gather Health was founded by physicians and healthcare leaders with decades of experience in the delivery of total primary care. Unlike conventional Doctor's offices, Gather Health specializes in dealing with the complex needs of older adult patients.

"Gather Health wants to be part of the fabric of this great city," said Dr. Brent Asplin, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Gather Health. "Our goal is to make primary care more assessable and effective for elderly residents. By supporting patients both at home and at the center, we feel our model does just that."

Frank Christmas, a local resident, spoke briefly at the grand opening about his experience as a patient of Gather Health. He said their approach has worked well for him, and encouraged his elderly neighbors "to get with the program."

The new Quincy location is Gather Health's first permanent practice in Massachusetts, but Asplin said the company will open two additional locations in Eastern Massachusetts in 2024.

Six Quincy Students On Catholic Memorial HR

Six students from Quincy are on the Catholic Memorial honor roll for the first quarter of the school year.

They are:

First Honors

Lincoln Hennessy '25; Jack Leuchte '27; and Brett Mulligan '24.

Second Honors

David Boyd '28; Connor Clifford '26 and Jack Greene '25.

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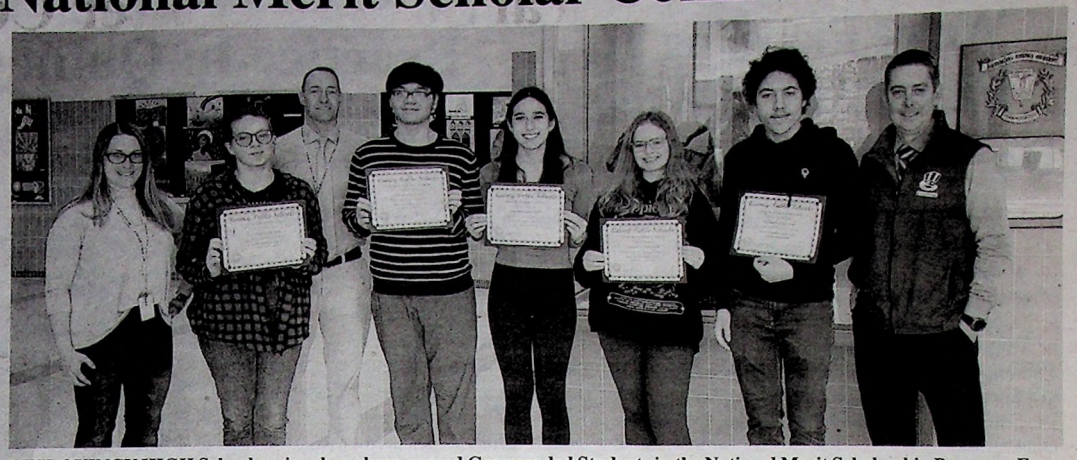
QHS Seniors Earn National Merit Scholar Commendations

Quincy High School Assistant Principal Ed Smith announces five QHS seniors have been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program. The commended students are: Katherine Bardwell, Emma Bateman, Gaetano Belfort, Sonia Dijkstra and Stanley Tran.

A letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, has been presented to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise and placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the competition by taking the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"We are extremely proud of these students and their accomplishments. The recognition as a Commended Scholar is a tremendous recognition and a sign of academic potential, we cannot wait to see what the future holds for these amazing students," Smith said.



FIVE QUINCY HIGH School seniors have been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program. From left to right: QHS Senior Class Advisor and NHS Advisor Sara Levine; Katherine Bardwell; Senior Class Advisor and Senior Dean of Students Kevin Carey; Stanley Tran, Sonia Dijkstra, Emma Bateman, Gaetano Belfort and Assistant Principal Ed Smith. *Courtesy Photo*

Quincy Youth Baseball/Softball Celebrates Cal Ripken All Stars

Quincy Youth Baseball & Softball (QYBS) recently held an awards ceremony and All Star game for the twelve-year-old Cal Ripken division players from its 2023 season. The event was held at the Quarry Hills baseball complex.

The evening began with an awards ceremony, with trophies being presented to the minor league finalists, Paul Rogers Club, under head coach Jeremiah O'Regan; minor league champions, Quincy Credit Union, under head coach Steve Perdios; major league finalists, Elks Club, under head coach Christopher Campbell; and major league champions, HoopDirt.com under head coach Adam Nelson. HoopDirt was also presented with the Bob Foley QYBS Cal Ripken Championship trophy.

Following the team trophies, each of the ten Cal Ripken coaches presented an award to one player on their team who demonstrated sportsmanship, growth, and excellence. Coaches awards were presented to: Nathan Kane; Peter Comiso; Aidan Brophy; Nicholas Cook; Mason Eldredge; Robert Glennon; Odin Boyd; Nick Wesner; Daniel Chan; and Brandon McInnis. The Richards Exemplary Player Award was presented to Cooper Nelson; and the Most Valuable Player Award was presented to James Toland. The awards program was followed by a skills competition, consisting of a throwing contest, running contest, and homerun derby.

The main event of the evening was the All Star game, which comprised of a roster featuring the 2023 season's 12-year-old players. The American team was managed by head coach Adam Nelson and assistant coach Dave Brophy. The national team was managed by head coach Chris Campbell and assistant coach Mike Ruggiero. Mayor Thomas Koch made a guest appearance, throwing out the ceremonial first pitch, which was a fastball right over home plate. Each player received a commemorative program and a swag bag consisting of a Babe Ruth baseball, All Star medal, Big League Chew, and some snacks for the game.

The event committee, consisting of Mike Feldman, Erin Glennon, Sean Glennon, Ashley Lynch-Mahoney, Dan McCloskey, and Mike Ruggiero, thank the QYBS executive leadership, especially Patrick Bryan (President), Neil McCole (Vice-President), William Farrell (Secretary), Jack Toland (Treasurer), and Erik DeBoer (Director of Operations), for their support in sponsoring this event.

QYBS wishes to thank the ten Cal Ripken division coaches and sponsors for another great season. Major league coaches were Chris Campbell (Elks Club); Peter Currie (Quincy Police); Mike Griffin (Attorney Jack Greene); Dan McCloskey (Keohane's); Adam Nelson (HoopDirt.com); and Eric Vinitsky (McDonald Insurance). Minor league coaches were Noel DiBona (Heritage Companies); Steve McInnis (Colonial Federal Savings Bank); Jeremiah O'Regan (Paul Rogers Club); and Steve Perdios (Quincy Credit Union).

Lighthouse Fellowship Church Tree Lighting Celebration Saturday

The public is invited to take part in the Annual Tree Lighting Celebration at the Lighthouse Fellowship Church, 73 Newbury Ave. North Quincy, on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 4 p.m. on the front lawn of the church.

The celebration will feature traditional Christmas caroling led by the three Burke sisters from Rockland. Refreshments will be available in the Fellowship Hall.

In the event of inclement weather, the celebration will be moved inside.

The Lighthouse Church continues to offer a number of opportunities for Bible teachings for the entire family. The Sunday School program for ages 3 to 15 is growing by the week. They meet at 9 a.m. on Sunday, an hour before the regular service. There is also an adult Bible Study at the same time in the lower Church.

On Tuesday nights, there is an adult Bible Study every other week and the Men's Group alternates with the Bible Study.

The church is located at 73 Newbury Ave. at the corner of Newbury and Sagamore Streets. Come and hear the Gospel preached by Pastor Mike Fehan.

Christmas Bazaar Saturday At O'Brien Towers

A Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at O'Brien Towers, Elderly Disabled Building, 73 Bicknell St., Quincy.

The bazaar will feature Christmas crafted gifts, baked goods, decorations, jewelry, raffles and more.

The public is invited to drop in.

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Houghs Neck Garden Club Upcoming Programs

The Houghs Neck Garden Club Christmas Party was held at the Fox and Hound on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m.

On Jan. 3, 2024 member Christine Cotter, owner of "Seacrest Garden," will present "Winter Wellness Skin Care." See how to make lip balm and everyone will get something to take home. Christine grows her own ingredients for her products.

On Feb. 7, 2024 "Asian Aesthetics on Western Art" will be presented by member, Zen-Jay Chuang.

On March 6, 2024, speaker Sara Muspratt will present "New Uses for Annuals." She is a very popular speaker with a wide range of interests who keeps us engaged with her slides and stories.

All three of these programs will be held at the Manet Community Center on Sea Street at 7 p.m.

The Houghs Neck Garden Club is a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, a 501c3 non-profit organization.

Gasoline Prices Down 3 Cents

Gasoline prices keep falling as global oil markets last week shrugged off news of deeper production cuts announced by OPEC+ member countries, reflecting the diminishing power of the Saudi-led cartel to move markets—and the United States' strength as the world's largest oil producer.

With a backdrop of domestic oil production breaking records, national crude oil inventories last week reached their highest levels since July. This strong production, along with uncertainty about interest rates and the overall economy in 2024, has sent oil prices lower despite OPEC+ planning to cut production by an additional 1 million barrels per day. The result is continued downward pressure on pump prices.

The average gas price in Massachusetts is down three cents from last week ($3.40), averaging $3.37 per gallon. Monday's price is 15 cents lower than a month ago ($3.52), and 30 cents lower than Dec. 4, 2022 ($3.67). Massachusetts' average gas price is 13 cents higher than the national average.

Quincy Youth Hockey News

QYH Mite House League kicked off the regular season Dec. 2nd. Erin Feeney/William Raveis took on Colonial Federal Savings Bank and Seaside K-9's played against Quirk Auto.

We'd like to give a big shoutout and thank our above sponsors of the QMHL. We're looking forward to some friendly competition and lots of fun. The snack bar is open, T Swift and others will be playing on the speakers and it's guaranteed to be a morning to remember! We also hear there might be a special guest making an appearance in a few weeks too.

QYH's wildly popular Fall Session 2 of QYH Learn to Skate (LTS) and Learn to Play (LTP) began Dec. 2nd. If you missed the registration there's still time to sign up.

For additional information on programs at QYH visit our website at:
https://www.quincyyouthhockey.net

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Quincy Choral Society Winter Concert Dec. 17

At St. Mary Of The Hills Church, 29 St. Marys Road, Milton

QUINCY CHORAL SOCIETY, under the direction of Sarah Labrie, will present its winter concert at St. Mary of the Hills Church, 29 St. Marys Road, Milton, on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. The church is handicapped accessible. Tickets are $20 and will be available at the door. *Courtesy Photo*

Under the direction of Sarah Labrie, Quincy Choral Society's winter concert will feature music that captures the warmth and cheer of the holiday season.

The performance will be held at St. Mary of the Hills Church, 29 St. Marys Road, Milton, on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. The church is handicapped accessible. Tickets are $20.00 and will be available at the door.

The program highlights the glow of the holiday season around the world: Christmas trees, lights on the menorah, midnight stars, and the inviting smiles of family and friends. The first half of the program features holiday music from around the world including "Lo, How a Rose/The Rose" from Germany and America, "Midnight Stars Make Bright the Skies" from China, and "Betelehemu" from Nigeria

The second half of the concert will feature a string quintet of guest artists and our pianist, Gingy Grimes. The featured work is "Luminous Night of the Soul" by Norwegian composer Ola Gjielo

Boston-based conductor, singer, and music educator, Sarah Labrie, is a Choral Director at Lexington High School in Lexington. She was previously a Choral Director at Stoughton High School in Stoughton, for eight years. Ms. Labrie also serves as the Artistic Director of Quincy Choral Society. In spring 2023 she was recognized for significant contributions to Arts and Culture as Artistic Director of Quincy Choral Society and was awarded the prestigious Abigail Adams Award from the City of Quincy and Mayor Thomas Koch.

Ms. Labrie graduated summa cum laude from Westminster Choir College with a B.M. in music education, and graduated summa cum laude from Messiah University with both an M.M. and C.A.G.S. in choral conducting. She has studied conducting and rehearsal technique with Simon Carrington, Brian O'Connell, Dr. Joe Miller, Dr. Amanda Quist, Tom Shelton, Dr. Joy Meade, and Dr. Rachel Cornacchio. She studied voice with Dr. Rochelle Ellis and jazz voice with Ellen Cogen.

Ms. Labrie actively sings with the Tanglewood Festival Chorus and Boston Symphony Orchestra, Viatores Mundi (Croatia), Sarteano Musica Sacra Choir (Italy), Sarteano Reunion A Cappella Ensemble (Mexico), Vox Futura, Labyrinth Choir, and in numerous other choral performances throughout North America and Europe. She has also sung professionally in symphonic choirs alongside the New York Philharmonic, Boston Pops, Vienna Philharmonic, Vienna Chamber Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra, and New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. She is a lead singer for The Boston Rock and Soul Revue, is a cantor at St. Leonard of Port Maurice Parish, North End, Boston, and is a regular chorister at Trinity Church, Copley Square.

Virginia "Gingy" Grimes, a graduate of Duke University, has served as collaborative accompanist for Quincy Choral Society since 1993. She is also Minister of Music at First Parish, Norwell, Music Director for the Pierce Players of the Milton Public Schools, and Music Director for Derby Summer Arts in Hingham. She is pianist for North Quincy and Quincy High Schools, for Hanscom Middle School in Bedford, and for Temple Beth David, Canton, during High Holy Days. Ms. Grimes also teaches and accompanies at Milton Academy. She has been musical director for several theater productions including Stephen Sondheim's A Little Night Music and Alan Mencken's Little Shop of Horrors.

Quincy Choral Society was founded in 1981 for the purpose of bringing musical excellence to the South Shore and the world. In December 2015, the Quincy City Council recognized Quincy Choral Society for bringing music and joy to the City of Quincy for 35 years. The chorus performs locally and has performed in music festivals in Washington, D.C., in Europe, at Carnegie Hall as part of the Masterworks Series, and most recently in Montreal and Quebec. In September 2018, the chorus participated in the dedication of the Hancock-Adams Common and now participates annually in the Pops Concert on the Common.

For more information, visit Quincy Choral Society at quincychoral.org and follow the chorus on Facebook.

Artist Jed Sutter Exhibit At Milton Public Library

TROLLEY PAINTING BY artist Jed Sutter is among the works on display at the Milton Public Library's Wotiz Gallery during December. *Courtesy Photo*

The Milton Public Library is hosting an exhibit by Milton artist Jed Sutter in the library's Wotiz Gallery during December. This display is continued from the month of November, and includes a variety of interesting images and topics.

Mr. Sutter is a self-taught realist painter working most frequently in acrylics but also in watercolor, gouache, and oil.

"A favorite subject of mine is the neighborhood trolley that runs behind my house on its way between Mattapan Square and Ashmont Station," Sutter says. "I love the shape, the classic lines and how it interacts with its environment. As much as the MBTA labors to maintain it, the trolley's days are numbered and I feel a tug to paint it each time I hear it rumble to a stop just past my neighbors' house.

"Next, I've become quite taken by one of Milton's hidden gens, the Eustis Estate. I attended a day of painting there with a number of other artists in 2021. It was after I painted the south side of the house that I really started to notice it, which sounds a bit odd, but let me explain. The closer I looked at the house, the more I realized there were myriad little details that make it so unique.

"I've gone through the house and around the grounds and have painted a number of details that stand out for me. They're on little 5" X 5" panels. No huge visual feast, but a bunch of Small Bites of the Eustis. Last, I take the opportunity in this show to share some of my views of Milton, Boston and beyond. Not the usual postcard views, but the ones that give me a sense of place. I truly hope you enjoy my paintings. My work can be seen here, and also at the Switch Co-op in Hyde Park and at the Wright Gallery in Kennebunkport, Maine."

Sutter's website is: www.jedsutter.com if you would like to learn more.

For questions about applying for an exhibit, e-mail jhlady@milton.ocln.org or stop by the Milton Public Library's Reference desk on the second floor. The library is located at 476 Canton Ave., Milton and the phone number is (617) 898-4964.

Christmas Bazaar At O'Brien Towers Saturday

A Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at O'Brien Towers, Elderly Disabled Building, 73 Bicknell St., Quincy.

The bazaar will feature Christmas crafted gifts, baked goods, decorations, jewelry, raffles and more.

The public is invited to drop in.

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Thursday, December 7
6:00pm: Bethany Congregational Church
7:00pm: Jazzy Bill's Christmas Special, Part 2

Friday, December 8
11:30am: LIVE: Currently in Quincy
7:00pm: AM Quincy: State Rep. Tackey Chan

Saturday, December 9
12:00pm: QPS 'Tis the Season Concert
7:00pm: The Call

Sunday, December 10
10:00am: Bethany Congregational Church
11:30am: Quincy Point Church Good News

Monday, December 11
11:30am: LIVE: Currently in Quincy
7:00pm: Quincy Holiday Events 2023

Tuesday, December 12
7-9:10am: LIVE: AM Quincy with Joe Catalano
7:00pm: AM Quincy: Mayor Thomas Koch

Wednesday, December 13
6:00pm: Good News
7:00pm: The Call

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Thursday, December 7
4:00pm: Board of License Commissioners 11/28
5:00pm: Zoning Board of Appeals 11/28

Friday, December 8
10:30am: Aging Strong: Fall Prevention

Saturday/Sunday, December 9/10
10:00am: History Comes Alive: Blanchard's Tavern
10:30am: State View: Rep. Bruce Ayers
12:00pm: City Council 12/4
2:00pm: In the Know: MA Office on Disability
4:00pm: Board of License Commissioners 11/28
5:00pm: Zoning Board of Appeals 11/28
7:00pm: City Council 12/4
9:00pm: MA House of Representatives

Monday, December 1
3:00pm: QHS & NQHS Holiday Choirs
8:00pm: Christmas Parade & Ceremony 2023

Tuesday, December 12
4:00pm: Board of License Commissioners 11/28
6:00pm: LIVE: Zoning Board of Appeals

Wednesday, December 13
6:30pm: LIVE: City Council Ordinance Committee

Programming is subject to change.
For a complete list of programs, please visit our website at qatv.org

QUINCY POLICE CRIME AWARENESS JOURNAL

Entries submitted by the Quincy Police Department

FRIDAY, NOV. 24

DISORDER (group of kids), 1:18 a.m., Billings Road and Hancock Street. Caller reports group of females fighting. Nothing showing. Parties gone on arrival.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY, 1:27 p.m., Bowes Avenue and Palmer Street. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (past road rage), 2:18 p.m., Adams Street and Hancock Street. See reporting person in QPD lobby. Advised.

DISORDER (bags stolen), 3:08 p.m., Stop and Shop Supermarket, 65 Newport Ave. No robbery. Person grabbed her cart by mistake. Items given back. Peace restored.

SHOPLIFT (just happened), 3:17 p.m., Star Market, 130 Granite St. Summons to be filed.

LARCENY (packages), 4:23 p.m., 10 Seaport Dr. Report to be filed.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (possible egging), 5:52 p.m., Saville Avenue. Caller does not wish to speak to police. Thinks egg was thrown off top of garage. Unable to locate anyone throwing eggs. Caller advised.

SATURDAY, NOV. 25

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (male in car), 3:22 a.m., 100 block of Dixwell Avenue. Units played the area, nothing showing. Spoke to the owner of the vehicle. Nothing was missing or out of place. Advised, report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (female), 11:22 a.m., CVS Pharmacy/24 Hour, 42 Beale St. Trepass issued and sent on the way.

ASSAULT DANGEROUS WEAPON (youths), 4:05 p.m., McDonald's, 473 Southern Artery. Arrest made. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (stolen clothes), 5:08 p.m., TJ Maxx, 100 Granite St. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (missing packages), 5:19 p.m., 10 block of Bersani Circle. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (two males), 9:41 p.m., Marshalls, 141 Newport Ave. Store does not want to pursue charges. Suspects fled in a vehicle.

LARCENY (non-payment), 9:44 p.m., Acapulcos, 1388 Hancock St. Refusing to pay their tab. Report to be filed.

SUNDAY, NOV. 26

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (just occurred), 2:20 a.m., 390 block of Newport Avenue. Caller states that an unknown person broke into his mother's room via the window and hit her then fled. No description available. States happened five minutes ago. Unable to locate suspect. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (two females), 2:39 a.m., 20 block of Bay State Road. Located females, they check out. No disorder, just talking loudly.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 12:06 p.m., 30 block of Gilmore Street. Occurred overnight. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (package), 1:23 p.m., 2 City View Lane. Report was filed.

SHOPLIFT (plants), 1:41 p.m., Ocean State Job Lot, 141 Newport Ave. Report to be filed. Case number provided to management.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 3:10 p.m., Vassall Street. Overnight. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (unruly), 9:13 p.m., Cathay Pacific, 111 Hancock St. Customer came in and kicked door. Now in rear of building by loading dock. Male got into white van and left area.

WORKING FIRE (black smoke), 10:37 p.m., Burgin Parkway Extension and Centre Street. Handled by QFD.

MONDAY, NOV. 27

ATTEMPTED MOTOR VEHICLE BREAK IN (windows shattered), 7:03 a.m., 6 Fort St. Caller is in her garage, unsure if anything was taken but windows smashed. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (two males argued), 11:34 a.m., 50 block of Revere Road. Two males arguing. Peace restored, argument over belongings.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY (past), 3:32 p.m., Veterans Memorial Stadium, 894 Hancock St. Report to be filed. Occurred on Nov. 23.

LARCENY (computer), 5:06 p.m., Wollaston Manor, 91 Clay St. Report to be filed.

TUESDAY, NOV. 28

LARCENY (past), 11:35 a.m., 10 Seaport Dr. Package stolen. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (holding one), 12:57 p.m., Home Depot, 177 Willard St. Trespass issued in presence of Loss Prevention staff.

LARCENY (pocketbook), 1:47 p.m., 1212 Hancock St. Case number provided. Report to be filed.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

LARCENY/ATTEMPT (attempted package theft), 8:50 a.m., Deco Apartments, 625 Burgin Parkway Ext. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past break), 10:14 a.m., Curtis Avenue. Caller's car was broken into; a computer was taken and a bag with cleaning material was taken. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (packages), 10:37 a.m., Elevation at Crown Colony, 1 Crown Colony Dr. Arrest made for two outstanding warrants. Also charged with larceny in a building and receiving stolen property.

DISORDER (road rage), 12:31 p.m., Adams Street and Common Street. Advised.

SHOPLIFT (4 females), 4:32 p.m., Stop and Shop Supermarket, 495 Southern Artery. All items returned and suspects sent on way.

LARCENY/BIKE (light blue bicycle), 5:27 p.m., 20 block of Babcock Street. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (female party), 6:28 p.m., TJ Maxx, 100 Granite St. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/ATTEMPT (to motor vehicle), 7 p.m., 45 School St. Male walking towards St. John's, was trying to open car doors. Suspect gone on arrival. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (clothes), 8:52 p.m., 30 block of Phipps Street. Gone on arrival. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT, 9:53 p.m., Walgreen Pharmacy, 418 Quincy Avenue. One female under arrest for unarmed robbery and shoplifting. Additional charge of resisting arrest for both defendants. Two arrests made. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (females arguing), 11:03 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Customer arguing with a store clerk about the price of items. Peace restored, advised and sent on way.

THURSDAY, NOV. 30

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 6:58 a.m., St. John's Church, 44 School St. Parish truck entered overnight and was damaged. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (credit cards), 11:06 a.m., low numbers of Binnacle Lane. Caller's wallet left in an Uber. The wallet returned missing all credit cards and many of them were used. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (fight), 3:35 p.m., 1025 Hancock St. Caller reports there are eight youths fighting across the street from above address. Officer reports nothing showing in the area.

UNARMED ROBBERY (hold up), 3:40 p.m., Eastern Bank, 34 Chapman St. Suspect gone on arrival. Area checked and unable to locate. Positive ID made and BCI on scene. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (past money), 4:52 p.m., CVS Pharmacy/24 Hour, 42 Beale St. Caller reports having money stolen earlier this date. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (earlier today), 5:24 p.m., 400 block of Palmer Street. TV stolen from caller's apartment. Report to be filed.

By OFFICER GREGG HARTNETT
Public Information Officer - Quincy Police Department

Quincy Police Department Holiday Safety Tips

- When you're traveling over the holidays, request the USPS hold all mail/packages.
- To prevent porch package theft, have your Amazon packages delivered to one of their secure, local lockers.
- When ordering from a department store online, use the store pick-up option.
- Keep your vehicles locked and remove any valuables every night.
- Secure your purse, wallet and phone while shopping, never leave valuables unattended.
- When out shopping, don't leave purchases in plain view in your vehicle.
- When away during the holidays, have a trusted person check on your home & take in your mail.
- When you'll be away, keep a porch & interior light on, or have them on a set timer.

IF YOU NOTICE SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE OR VEHICLES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, CALL THE POLICE.

BBB Scam Alert: Emergency Scams Instill Fear Via Fake Texts, Mugshots

By BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Emergency scams, sometimes called "grandparent scams," prey on the willingness of an unsuspecting, worried individual to help friends and family in need. Often, they will impersonate their targets' loved ones, make up an urgent situation, and plead for help... and money. Social media sites allow scammers to look up information and offer plausible stories. They may even incorporate nicknames and real travel plans into the con to convince their targets.

How the scam works:

Emergency scams are about a family member or friend in a dire situation. You get a call, email, or social media message from someone claiming to be a distressed family member. They may say they've been arrested or there was an accident, medical emergency, or other calamity. They provide convincing details, such as family names and school details.

A twist to this scam targets parents of college students. The scammer calls the family member and claims their child has been arrested and needs bail money sent immediately via a payment app like Venmo or PayPal. They may even text pictures of a mugshot and say that the child is headed to jail with dangerous criminals. Terrified parents send the money, only to find out later that the story wasn't true and the money is gone.

A common version is the "grandparent scam," where the con artist contacts a grandparent claiming to be their grandchild and asking for money. The plea is so persuasive that the grandparent wires money to the scammer, only to find out their family member was safe and sound later. This scam can also work in reverse, where the "grandparent" calls their grandchild, pleading for help.

The FTC has warned that scammers are using voice cloning techniques to imitate the voices of loved ones. The technology enables con artists to copy the voices of persons close to you from videos they may find on social media or other sources. They can then use tools to imitate the voice of your loved one and have it appear to say whatever they wish in a call. Some voice cloning efforts may be crude, and others very sophisticated - either way, this adds to this scam's confusing and frightening aspect.

Tips to spot this scam:

- **Resist the urge to act immediately, no matter how dramatic the story is.** Check out the story with other family and friends, but hang up or close the message and call your loved one directly. Don't call the phone number provided by the caller or caller ID. Ask questions that would be hard for an impostor to answer correctly.
- **Know what your family members are sharing online.** You may not have

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More Than Half Of All Drivers Admit To Risky Driving Behavior

A new report by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety shows that American drivers are addicted to speeding – even though it increases their odds of dying in a crash.

The Foundation's annual Traffic Safety Culture Index surveys drivers about their habits behind the wheel. This year, drivers were grouped into six categories by analyzing patterns of self-reported risky driving behaviors, and just over 4 in 10 respondents were classified as "Safe Drivers." The remaining drivers admitted to engaging in a variety of unsafe actions in the past 30 days, led by speeding, aggressive driving, and distracted driving.

The findings for speeding were particularly alarming, given that in 2021 (the latest year of federal data), 29% of fatal crashes nationwide and 27% of fatal crashes in Massachusetts were speeding-related. According to the report, compared with other violations:

• Fewer drivers perceive speeding as dangerous

• Fewer drivers think that people close to them would disapprove of speeding

• More drivers admit to engaging in speeding

"Americans continue to put themselves—and others on the road—in needless danger by speeding," said Mark Schieldrop, AAA Northeast Senior Spokesperson. "Alarmingly, relatively few people view speeding as dangerous despite decades of evidence that shows faster speeds lead to more crashes, more deaths and more severe injuries."

It is worth noting that a motorist's need for speed consistently fails to deliver shorter travel times. If drivers increase their speed to 80 mph from 75 mph, they would have to travel 100 miles with in zero traffic just to shave just 5 minutes off their trip.

AAA's report highlights an opportunity for traffic safety stakeholders to reduce crashes and fatalities using the Safe System Approach. A mix of enforcement efforts, road design improvements and awareness campaigns can improve safety on our roadways. But drivers must also take personal responsibility for dropping their bad habits.

According to the new Traffic Safety Culture Index (TSCI) report, the six driver profiles identified by the latest Traffic Safety Culture Index (TSCI) are:

Safe Drivers (41.2%) - Few in this group reported engaging in any risky driving-related behaviors; women comprised the majority (57%) of the Safe Drivers group.

Speeding Drivers (22.7%) - These drivers reported driving 15mph over the speed limit on freeways and/or 10mph over on residential streets but did not engage in most other dangerous behaviors.

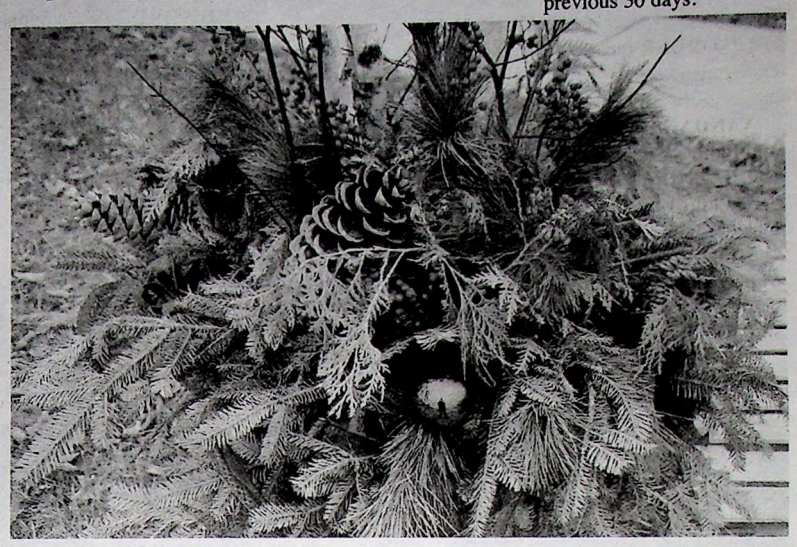
Distracted and Aggressive Drivers (17.3%) – These drivers reported distracted driving behaviors (e.g., texting while driving), speeding, and aggressive behaviors, such as red-light running and switching lanes quickly.

Distracted Drivers (15.0%) – These drivers reporteddistracted driving behaviors such as reading text messages and texting while driving.

Most Dangerous Drivers (2.4%) - While these drivers consisted of only a small percentage of the drivers, they pose a serious risk to themselves and other road users as they reported engaging in all risky driving-related behaviors.

Impaired Drivers (1.3%) – Most of these drivers live in non-metropolitan areas.

The survey also asked drivers about their perceived level of danger for various driving behaviors. With the exception of speeding, most drivers perceived unsafe driving behaviors as very or extremely dangerous, and yet, as in past years, many admitted to doing these behaviors at least once in the previous 30 days.



WINTER CONTAINER gardens made of natural materials add beauty and color to the winter landscape. *Photo Courtesy of MelindaMyers.com*

Outdoor Winter Container Gardens

By MELINDA MYERS

Add a bit of greenery to your front steps, window box or patio with a winter container garden. You'll find all the ingredients you need at your local garden center, craft store, and maybe even a few in your backyard.

Start with a walk through your yard and look for evergreens and other potential ingredients for your winter containers. Fruits like rose hips, winterberries, holly berries, crabapples and others add color to the container. Fluffy seedheads of grasses make a nice vertical accent and add a bit of motion to the arrangement.

Next, convert one or two of your summer or fall containers into a winter display. The container should be able to tolerate the winter conditions in your area. Concrete, iron, metal, wood and fiberglass containers are best suited for year-round use. Even plastic pots will last for a few years when left outside.

Or start a new container for winter. Repurpose or purchase a container. Nursery pots that once housed trees and shrubs make excellent options. These black containers provide the perfect backdrop for greenery and are available for free from most garden centers and fellow gardeners.

Make sure the pot has drainage holes to prevent water-logged soil and water from overflowing the pot. Fill the container about 7/8 full with a well-drained potting mix. The soil helps hold the greenery, twigs and other materials in place and adds weight to keep the pot upright throughout the winter.

Consider using a mix of greens for a variety of textures and various shades of green. Pine, spruce, arborvitae, boxwood and junipers may be growing in your landscape and most are available at garden centers. Spruce tips are popular, allowing you to add "mini" trees or create vertical accents in your containers.

Use greens to cover the pot and create an attractive base for your winter display. Place some branches upright and others at a 45-degree angle so the greens drape over the edge. Secure the stems by placing them at least four inches deep in the soil.

Now add some color and vertical interest with stems of red twig dogwoods, paper birch branches, berry-laden stems from holly and winterberry and curly willow branches. Artificial material and outdoor ornaments can also be used. It's your opportunity to get creative.

Do consider adding other elements such as evergreen cones, seed pods, allium seedheads, and balloon plant pods. Leave them natural or add some paint and glitter.

Water thoroughly to remove air pockets and lock your ingredients in place. Keeping the soil moist until the potting mix freezes can help extend the beauty of the greenery. The winter containers will also last much longer in cooler temperatures. And those displayed in more sheltered locations out of direct sunlight and wind will suffer less drying.

Once your container is complete it is time to relax and enjoy your holiday celebrations.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

BBB: Holiday Shopping Tips

By BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

The holiday season is here, and shoppers want to score a deal. You may see social media ads or emails from unfamiliar websites and brands, but they have items that check boxes on your gift lists. You click on the ad, and you're taken to a website you've never heard of before, then you are redirected to another page.

Before you click and fill your cart, BBB has a few reminders:

• **Look for the BBB Seal.** Check if the businesses you want to shop from are BBB Accredited. If a business has a BBB Accreditation, it shows consumers that the business prioritizes trust in the marketplace and adds a layer of confidence and peace of mind for all consumers. When shopping online, look for the BBB Seal, the Sign of a Better Business.

• **Is the retailer based in North America?** Does it have a local presence? We know several online retailers operate overseas. Before you place an order, make sure to check where the package originates, the time frames for delivery, and return policies.

• **Are there extra fees such as for returns, shipping, etc.?** Are you comfortable paying those fees, and if you must make a return, is there a fee associated with it?

• **Check the website and social media of the retailer.** Does the website have contact information, an address, and a return policy? Head over to the social media pages. Are there comments? Is the page new? Are the comments a little too "nice" and not negative? If there are negative comments, is the retailer responding?

• **Check the privacy policy and make sure you are comfortable with how the website uses your personal information.** If there is no visible privacy policy, that is a red flag, and you should consider other options.

BBB Scam Alert: Emergency Scams Instill Fear Via Fake Texts, Mugshots

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control over your family's social media accounts but familiarize yourself with what they share online and what photos they may have posted. Make sure they're aware of this type of scam and advise them to use privacy options to keep other people from seeing and stealing their images.

• **Don't send any money if there is any doubt about the call.** If the caller is asking you to send money via a payment app or a gift card, do your homework to ensure that it's not a scam. If you wire money and later realize it is a fraud, the police must be alerted.

Recipe Book Author At Library

The Thomas Crane Public Library hosted author Tammy Donroe Inman Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, Main Library, 40 Washington St.

Donroe Inman presented readings from her book "New England Desserts: Classic and Creative Recipes for All Seasons." She discussed her favorite desserts that originated in Massachusetts and the stories behind them.

Participants learned new recipes, experienced the pleasures of seasonal baking, and had the opportunity to take samples home to enjoy.

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Tree Lighting Ceremony Kicks Off Holiday Season

HOLIDAY SEASON in Quincy got in full gear Nov. 24 with the annual tree lighting ceremony at Hancock-Adams Common. Headlining the festive lights are two colorful Christmas trees - one located between United First Parish Church and the James McIntyre Government Center (left) and the other behind the water fountain near the glass annex building of City Hall. Festivities also featured an Ice Princess, costumed characters and Fire Charmer Liz Knights from Cirque de Light.

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SANTA CLAUS and his many helpers gather after he arrived by helicopter at Pageant Field Nov. 25. Santa and his helpers then spent time greeting the hundreds of children who turned out to watch him land.

Hundreds Greet Santa As He Arrives By Helicopter

SANTA CLAUS waves to hundreds of children who watched him arrive by helicopter at Pageant Field Nov. 25.

A LARGE CROWD showed up at Pageant Field to meet Santa Claus including this little girl.

BELOW: Children are all smiles as they enjoy a close up encounter with Santa Claus at Pageant Field.

Quincy Sun Photos/Larry Carchedi

SANTA CLAUS poses with two of his young admirers after arriving at Pageant Field. More photos on Page 19.

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Scenes From The 70th Quincy Christmas Parade

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GOOD DEEDS: Why We Give

By WILLIAM P. O'DONNELL
Norfolk County Register of Deeds

As we prepare our holiday gatherings and frantically search for just the right gift to give or dish to serve, we are inundated with hundreds of items to choose from. Will it be turkey or ham? Mashed or sweet potatoes? Should I get someone a bike or a video game? The options are endless. It can be a tough choice, but what if that choice was between feeding your family or keeping your home, giving presents or staying warm?

For some people their options are much more sobering ones, as the oncoming holidays bring on stress and anxiety. Fuel bills, unexpected medical costs and higher housing costs lead to such thoughts as, "How do I keep a roof over my family's head and still put food on the table?" For these families, the holiday season takes on a whole different meaning.

The issue of hunger in Massachusetts is literally a call to action. The latest information available from Project Bread

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Drowning In Paperwork!? Decluttering Tips To Tame The Paper Tiger

By BARBARA GRACEFFA

I noticed on your website that you offer decluttering services. Could you offer some tips to help me overcome the piles of bills, mail, magazines, and other paperwork that are taking over my home? ***Andrew***

More than a third of people (36%) say that paper is the biggest source of clutter in their homes. Bills, mail, magazines, term papers from college, warranties, instruction manuals, coupons, recipes we have never tried, old greeting cards and love letters – they all add up.

To address any decluttering project, I have a three-step approach: Analyze, Strategize, and Attack.

In the Analyze stage, begin by asking yourself key questions like: Why do I need to declutter? What has more value to me, this item or the space it takes up? Should I consider online banking and bill payment? Should I get digital magazine subscriptions instead of physical paper versions? Should I stop clipping coupons?

In the Strategize stage, visualize the end result, for example, a clean desk where you can actually see the desktop. Schedule several firm times on your calendar and keep them. Gather supplies like file folders and elastics. Consider buying a scanner or an app to do scan documents.

Finally, attack. Contact the Direct Marketing Association to put an end to junk mail: dmachoice.org. Put a pile of magazines in your car and read them while waiting at the doctor's office, then leave them behind for others to enjoy. If you take the subway to work, read them en route, then leave them in the office break room. Recycle instructional manuals; you can find everything you need online. Scan important documents if you have limited space for a filing system (some local libraries offer scanning services). Keep one or two love letters and recycle the rest.

Then develop new habits. Open all incoming mail over the recycle bin. Touch each piece of mail only once or twice. Separate bills from their mailing envelopes to save space until you pay them. Designate a basket or box on your desk for action items like bill paying and arrange them by due date. And above all, file, don't pile.

You can do it. Start small. Do at least one small organizing task a day. Do it during commercials on TV. Or skip your favorite TV show and set a timer for 30 minutes. You may be surprised that you will set that timer for a second or third round once you begin to tame the paper tiger.

Barbara Graceffa owns and operates Secretary of the Interior in Quincy, offering creative solutions at reasonable rates. Learn more about her decorating, downsizing, decluttering and home décor sewing services, decorating workshops, and quilt programs and shows at www.sec-interior.com, tell your friends about her blog at secretaryinteriordecorating.blog and enjoy her art quilts on Instagram @secretaryinteriordecorating. You can reach her at 617-921-6033.

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QUINCY-NORTH QUINCY Football Hall of Fame inducted its Class of 2023 at its annual dinner Nov. 21 at Granite Links Golf Club. The inductees (from left to right): Ethan Thomas (brother of Sam Brown, QHS Class of 1995); Dona Browne (sister of Wayne Richards, QHS Class of 1971); Matt Ramponi, QHS Class of 2003; Paul Martin (Special Inductee), QHS Class of 1982; Mike Campanale, NQHS Class of 1966; David Carney, NQHS Class of 1995; and Mike Stanton, NQHS Class of 2010. *Courtesy Photo*

Adult Board Game Night At Wollaston Library Dec. 13

The Thomas Crane Public Library will host an Adult Board Game Night at the Wollaston Library on Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Games will be appropriate for adult players and rules and help are provided. Bring some friends.

A range of games will be available, from worker placement games like Everdell and Fallout Shelter, to co-op mysteries like Sherlock Holmes: Consulting Detective and Obscurio, to deckbuilders like Fort, to word games like So Clover. Looking for what games might be available? Check here. If you see something you'd like to play, call the Wollaston Library before 4 p.m. on the day of the event to make sure it will be available.

For more information call the Wollaston Library at 617-376-1300 x9.

'Letters To Santa' Mailbox At Hancock-Adams Common

The Quincy Christmas Festival Committee reminds residents that the exclusive mailbox for "Letters to Santa" is located on the Hancock-Adams Common near the main entrance to City Hall.

The mailbox will be in place until noon on Thursday, Dec. 21.

The colorful mailbox has been designed for young children to have easy access and send letters directly to Santa at the North Pole without postage. The box is ideal for family photos.

The mailbox is a traditional activity of the festival committee. Santa's mailbox should not be used for officially stamped regular mail.

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Santa's Fans

Several hundred children gathered at Pageant Field Nov. 25 to watch Santa Claus arrive by helicopter. Here Santa meets some of his young fans after touching down. Santa had a busy weekend as he also helped turn on the lights at the Hancock-Adams Common and waved from the top of a Quincy fire truck to hundreds of spectators who lined Hancock Street from the Walter Hannon Parkway to North Quincy High School for the 70th annual Quincy Christmas Parade.

Quincy Sun Photos/ Larry Carchedi

OBITUARIES

Josie Smith, 43

Josie Wayne Smith, beloved sister, niece, cousin and friend, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023, at Boston Medical Center. She was 43 years old and resided in Bridgewater, MA.

Josie was born on Feb. 25, 1980, and was raised in Laconia, NH, by loving parents, Ken and Sue (Ryan) Smith, along with her older sister Alice (Smith) Ryan. She graduated from Laconia High School in 1999.

Josie had an AS in Human Relations focused on mental health counseling, then onto her BS in Business Studies and then her MS in Organizational Leadership. These courses and her love of her father Ken Smith who served in the US Navy, uncle Henry who served in the US Army, and Peperé Roland Smith who served in the US Army, paved the way in what became her focus and passion. Josie worked at Southern New Hampshire University as a military support specialist 2008-2011, then Northeastern University Veteran Services Specialist for Enrollment Services 2013-2017, and then Fisher College as a VA Certifying Official 2017-2020. By the time she started at Quincy College as the Military and

JOSIE SMITH

Veterans Services Associate in 2020, she had honed her skill to be a master of her craft and really helped military veterans succeed in their educational goals. Josie had been noted as being the reason behind some veterans making it all the way to graduation. She is VERY proud of her Veteran students and the service that they gave to this country.

Josie was also a family person, she was considered a part of several families; her aunt Janet's, uncle Terry's and especially Laura Biechler, her best friend. They would spend Sunday's cooking together, talking and hanging out all the time.

She is survived by her older sister Alice Mary (Smith) Ryan and her husband Dan, and nephew Kevin Michael Ryan. Josie is preceded in death by her father Kenneth Wayne Smith and mother Susan Mary (Ryan) Smith.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at St. Andre Bessette Parish at Sacred Heart Church, 291 Union Ave, Laconia, NH 03246.

Burial followed mass at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Garfield Street, Laconia, NH.

Celebration of Life will follow. Details were announced at the burial.

For those who wish to donate flowers, Josie loved sunflowers, lavender and orchids, or Josie would be honored if you donated to Homes For Our Troops, 6 Main St., Taunton, MA 02780, in her memory; it is a program that helps veterans with housing.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services/603Cremations.com, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, NH, 03246, is assisting the family with arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, please visit wilkinsonbeane.com.

Donald R. Pierce, 75

Donald R. Pierce, 75, of Hingham, MA, formerly of Groton and Mystic, CT, passed away suddenly on the evening of Nov. 29, 2023. Donald was born on Jan. 24, 1948, in Providence, RI, to Walter and Louise (Allen) Pierce and married his wife, Patricia Ryan, on January 29, 1972, in Bremerton, WA.

Donald is survived by his wife, Patricia, and five children: Kevin (Leanne) Pierce of Scituate, RI; Kenneth (Teresa) Pierce of South Chittenden, VT; Kimberly Pierce of Holbrook, MA; Daniel (Lisa) Pierce of Quincy, MA; and Karen Pierce of Medford, WI. Donald is also survived by his seven grandchildren: Ryan, Mary, Luke, Dylan, Mathabo, Ruthie, and Ivy. He is predeceased by his son, Timothy Pierce.

Donald spent most of his childhood in North Kingstown, RI, until his family moved to Quincy, MA, in the early 1960s. He graduated from Quincy High School in 1965 and received an Associate's Degree in Engineering from Wentworth Technical Institute in 1968. He immediately

DONALD R. PIERCE

enlisted in the Navy and proudly served 21 years, reaching the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer (E-9) and earning the distinction of serving as a Bull Nuke in the Submarine Service. After years of moving their family around due to his Naval service, they eventually settled in Groton, where he was last stationed. After his honorable discharge, he worked at Electric Boat for 33 years until he retired in January 2023. Donald was honored to use the gifts God had given him in service of his country.

Donald was a former Boston Bruins season ticket holder and passionately rooted for all Boston sports teams. As a young man he loved to play hockey and excelled in Navy softball leagues. He was an active member, treasurer, and elder at their church, Pleasant Valley, for 40+ years with many beloved friends there. Donald and Patricia moved to Hingham in February 2023 to be closer family, especially grandkids.

Donald was a devoted husband, proud father and grandfather, loyal friend, respected coworker, and a man of deep faith in Jesus. He prayed regularly, read his Bible diligently, and gave generously. He will be deeply missed.

Visiting hours will be Thursday, Dec. 7, 5-7 p.m. at Granite City Church, 315 Whitwell St. in Quincy. A Memorial Service will be held Friday, December 8, 10:30 a.m., also at Granite City Church. Donald's ashes will be laid to rest at the Old Winslow Burying Ground in Marshfield, MA, at a later date. In Donald's memory, consider sending a donation to Antioch Community Church, 17 Spruce St., Waltham MA 02453 or giving online.

For online condolences and directions, please see www.Keohane.com.

Patrick F. McDonough, 58

Patrick F. McDonough of South Boston, formerly of Savin Hill, passed away suddenly on Friday, Nov. 24th. He was 58.

He was born in Boston to Marie F. (Jenkins) and Peter J. McDonough. The family lived in Savin Hill until Pat was 7. They then moved to Squantum where Pat would spend the remainder of his childhood. He graduated from North Quincy High School, Class of 1983. He then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and rose to the rank of Corporal. After serving, Pat returned to Savin Hill and worked at the family restaurant, the Bull Dog Lounge for a while until he earned a spot on the Local 103 as an electrician.

Pat took great pride in his work as an electrician and in being a part of the Local 103 for over 35 years. Whether

PATRICK F. McDONOUGH

it was his family at home or his family at work, he loved being a part of something greater.

In his spare time, he enjoyed listening to music, spending time with family and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Loving brother to William McDonough of Braintree, Peter McDonough and his wife Marie of Quincy, Sean McDonough of Quincy and Kristen Van Tassell and her husband Bernard of Quincy. Also survived by 12 nieces and nephews and many cousins and friends. Predeceased by his parents, Marie F. and Peter J. McDonough.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Wednesday, Dec. 6th from 4-8 p.m. in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy. Funeral service will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 7th at 11 a.m. in the Keohane Funeral Home, Quincy. Burial at Pine Hill Cemetery, Quincy.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Patrick may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. See www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences. Please see www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

John J. Holleran, 72

John James Holleran of Sharon, Mass. passed away at his home on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023 at the age of 72.

He was born the second oldest of seven children to Catherine (O'Hara) and Bernard Holleran on September 13, 1951 in Boston and raised in Quincy. John was an exceptional three-sport athlete at North Quincy High School, where he earned the prestigious Walter "Cap" Bryan Trophy in 1969. Four years later, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in history from Boston State College.

John worked for a decade as a substitute teacher at the Lee School in Boston. He eventually took a custodial position at the St. Mary of the Hills School, where he served the administrators, teachers, and students for nearly 20 years before retiring in 2016. John also worked part-time at the Temple of Israel in Sharon.

John was blessed with a

JOHN J. HOLLERAN

large and loving Irish Catholic family. He loved nothing more than spending time with his family, especially his children. John enjoyed coffee and dessert with his sisters, home improvement projects with his brothers, and maintaining the grill at pool parties. He found great enjoyment through watching all generations of his family play sports.

When he wasn't on the sidelines or in the stands, John would follow the Boston professional sports teams by watching them on television or reading daily coverage in the Boston Globe. He was particularly fond of the Celtics, especially the original Big Three.

John was a gentle giant that would give you the shirt off his back. His compassion for those that suffered, support for those closest to him and empathetic nature made him the amazing patriarch he was. He will be dearly missed by those who loved him and his legacy will live on thru the values he forever instilled in his boys.

Devoted father to Christopher O. Holleran and his wife Samantha of Sudbury, John P. Holleran and his wife Andrea of Somerset, and Daniel J. Holleran and his wife Katherine of Providence, R.I. Loving brother to Catherine Hurley and her husband Brian of Milton, Joan Giblin and her husband Gerald of Braintree, Bernard Holleran and his wife Bonnie of Quincy, Michael Holleran and his wife Sherri of Wrentham, James Holleran and his wife Elizabeth of Easton, and Mary Brooks and her husband Thomas of Weymouth. Cherished grandfather of Grayson Holleran of Sudbury and Ainsley Holleran of Somerset. He is also survived by the mother of his children, Helen Reed, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours were held Monday, Dec. 4, at the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St, Quincy, MA. A Celebration of Life Service was held in the funeral home on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023 prior to the Funeral Mass in St. Ann's Church, Quincy. Burial followed at Pine Hill Cemetery, Quincy.

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John H. Logan, 89

John H. Logan, age 89, of Quincy, formerly a longtime resident of Braintree, died peacefully, Monday, Nov. 27, 2023 at South Shore Hospital, in the comfort of his loving family.

John was born in Boston, to the late James and Catherine (McDermott) Logan. He was raised and educated in Roxbury and was a graduate of Roxbury Memorial High School. He lived in Quincy for six years, previously in Braintree for over forty years, and earlier in Dorchester and Roxbury.

He was employed as a computer technician for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and as a building manager for the City of Boston for many years.

John served in the United States Army during the Korea War era from 1955-1957.

He enjoyed being outside, especially walks at the beach, gardening and time spent with his family. He was especially proud of his two cherished

JOHN H. LOGAN

grandchildren, supporting all their many activities and accomplishments.

Beloved husband for forty-eight years of the late Katherine T. (Lynch) Logan.

Devoted father of Jillian K. Woodworth and her husband Nicholas Woodworth, Cmdr., U.S.N. of East Greenwich, R.I.

Loving grandfather of Emma Grace Woodworth and Liam James Woodworth.

John was one of five siblings and is survived by his dear brother, Henry Logan and his wife Joanne of Weymouth.

He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and their families.

Visiting hours will be held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave, Quincy, on Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 4 – 6 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Saint Francis of Assisi Church, 856 Washington St., Braintree, on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 10 a.m. Interment, with military honors, to follow at Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree.

For those who wish, donations in John's memory may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168 or www.dana-farber.org.

You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

Michael A. Russo, 74

Michael A. Russo, age 74, of Braintree, formerly of Quincy, died suddenly, Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, surrounded by his loving family.

Michael was born in Quincy, to the late Angelo M. and Leonora (Varrasso) Russo. Raised and educated in Quincy, he was a graduate of Quincy High School, Class of 1967, and later received an Associate degree from Bridgewater State University. He lived in Braintree for six years, previously Quincy for most of his life.

He was employed as a facilities manager for the CB Richard Ellis Group and maintained various Bank of America locations in the Greater Boston area for many years.

Michael served in the United States Army as a Sergeant during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Cyril P. Morrisette American Legion Post #294 in Quincy and was recently honored for

MICHAEL A. RUSSO

fifty years of service.

He was an avid Boston sports fan.

Most of all, Michael was devoted to his family, especially to his children and grandchildren. He loved attending their games and sporting events and was proud of all their many accomplishments

Beloved husband for forty-seven years of Deborah S. (Erickson) Russo.

Devoted father of Michael A. Russo and his wife Lindsay of Braintree, Jeffrey W. Russo and his wife Courtney of Dedham, Jennifer F. Russell and her husband Ryan of Weymouth.

Loving Papa of Luca Russo, Lily Russo, Kiera, Caiden, and Patrick Russell.

The last of four siblings, Michael was predeceased by Augustine J. "Gus" Russo, Richard J. Russo, and Marie A. Grant. Michael is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and their families.

Visiting hours were held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave, Quincy, on Tuesday, Dec. 5. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Saint John the Baptist Church, 44 School St., Quincy, on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 10 a.m. Interment, with military honors, to follow at Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree.

For those who wish, donations in Michael's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 93 Worcester St., Wellesley, MA 02481.

You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

Ferzilete Veizaj

In Loving Memory of Ferzilete (Karabolli) Veizaj.

Ferzilete Veizaj, a beacon of grace and strength, departed this world peacefully on Nov. 30, 2023, at the age of 80, surrounded by the love of her family at Care One Weymouth. Born in the beautiful town of Vlore, Albania, on Sept. 2, 1943, she was the cherished daughter of the late Mevlan Karabolli and Selvi Balili.

Ferzilete was the beloved wife of Vizhdan Veizaj of Quincy, a cornerstone of love and support for her family. She leaves behind a legacy of unwavering devotion as a mother to Elvana Veizaj and her husband Laert Serjani of Quincy, and Rudi Veizaj of

FERZILETE VEIZAJ

Albania. Her nurturing spirit extended to her grandchildren, Jurgen Veizaj of Italy, Laela Joy Serjani of Quincy, and Aria Eve Serjani of Quincy. A dear sister to Mufit Balili and his wife Silvana of Albania, and Sabo Dançe and her husband Rakip of Albania, Ferzilete's love knew no bounds, touching the lives of many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects during the visiting hours on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, from 4-7 p.m. at the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

Ferzilete's final journey and interment will take place in Albania, with details to be announced at a later date.

For directions and to share condolences, please visit www.Keohane.com.

As we bid farewell to Ferzilete Veizaj, may her enduring love and the indelible mark she left on our hearts bring solace and strength in this time of profound loss. May her soul find eternal peace.

Julia 'Julie' Johnson, 60

Julia "Julie" Johnson, a longtime resident of Quincy, passed away suddenly on Friday, Nov. 24, 2023. She was 60.

She was born in Weymouth to June (Roberts) and Wesley Johnson. She was raised in Quincy and graduated from North Quincy High School, Class of 1981. After graduating, Julie moved to CA and lived out there for a few years before returning home. She loved working with people and had many jobs in the service industry, from waitress to salesman.

In her spare time, Julie enjoyed traveling with her partner and her sisters. She made her way through the

JULIA 'JULIE' JOHNSON

Caribbean Islands and visited her sister in FL. Julie loved animals, especially her cat Zoe Bubbles. She had a vibrant, positive disposition that was a genuine pleasure to be around. Julie was a kind, loving partner, daughter, sister and friend. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Devoted partner of 25 years to Kevin Melody of Quincy. Loving sister to Linda Dumas of Rockland, Judy Comeau of FL, Robert Johnson of NH, Edward Johnson of Bridgewater, Sandra Ridge of Rockland and Kenneth Johnson of NY. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. Predeceased by her parents, June (Roberts) and Wesley Johnson.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Friday, Dec. 8th, from 3-6 p.m. in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

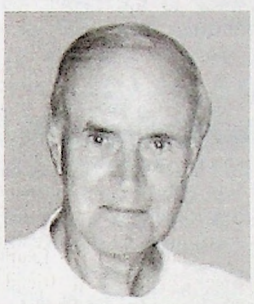
Please see www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

Dennis J. O'Connor, 92

Dennis J. O'Connor, a longtime resident of Quincy, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023. He was 92.

He was born in Arlington, MA to Margaret (Cahalane) and Patrick O'Connor. A year after he was born, the family moved to Charlestown, where he would spend his formative years. Dennis graduated from Charlestown High School, Class of 1949, where he loved playing basketball and baseball. After high school, he served in the US Army for 2 years during the Korean War. After his military service, Dennis went on to earn his bachelor's degree from the Bentley School of Accounting and Finance. Dennis then worked as an accountant with Tucker Anthony in Boston. He worked there for over 47 years and retired as the vice president of finance.

In his spare time, Dennis stayed active. He was an avid bowler, enjoyed long walks



DENNIS J. O'CONNOR

and biking, especially on the Cape Cod rail trail. When he was home, he worked on his crossword puzzles and enjoyed spending time with family. He was especially fond of the Beechwood Knoll neighborhood, where he called home for many years.

Beloved husband of 66 years to the late Elizabeth B. "Betty" O'Connor (Gibbons). Devoted father to Joseph O'Connor and his wife Susan of Washington State, Kevin O'Connor and his wife Nancy of Braintree and Paul O'Connor and his wife Theresa of Norfolk. Loving brother to the late John and Thomas O'Connor. Cherished grandfather of Kelsey, Brandon, Rachel and Leanne O'Connor. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Saturday, Dec. 9th, from 8-9:30 a.m. in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy. A Celebration of Life Service will be held in the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday prior to the Funeral Mass in St. Ann's Church, Quincy at 10 a.m. Burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dennis' name may be made to St. Ann's Church, 757 Hancock St., Quincy, or to a charity of your choice. Please see www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

Christina M. McKeon, 96

Christina M. (Ryan) McKeon, age 96, a longtime resident of Quincy, died peacefully, Friday, Dec. 1, 2023 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, in the comfort of her loving family.

Christina was born in Boston, to the late Martin and Henrietta (Yourell) Ryan. Raised and educated in Dorchester, she was a graduate of the Jeremiah E. Burke High School for Girls, Class of 1944. She lived in Quincy for most of her life but had also lived in Rockland for several years.

She was an insurance broker and had worked with her late husband, Jerry, with Agents Insurance Group in Braintree. Christina had over fifty years of service in the insurance industry.

Christina loved to sing and enjoyed her time with the choir at Holy Family Church in Rockland.

She was devoted to her family and friends and especially loved spending time at

CHRISTINA M. McKEON

her summer camp in Lebanon, Maine for many years. Christina's greatest joy was watching her grandchildren and great grandchildren grow.

Beloved wife of the late Matthew G. "Jerry" McKeon.

Devoted mother of Matthew J. McKeon and his wife Bonnie of Sedona, Ariz., Carole A. McGunagle and her husband George of Weymouth.

Loving grandmother of Melissa Nowell and her husband Chris of Lincolnville, Maine, Mark McGunagle and his wife Michele of Franklin, Kacey McKeon of Bridgewater, and the late Benjamin McKeon.

Cherished great grandmother of McKeon and Cole Nowell, and Ryan McGunagle.

Christina was the last of two siblings and is survived by many nieces, nephews, and their families.

Visiting hours will be held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave, Quincy, on Friday, Dec. 8, from 4 – 6 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Saint John the Baptist Church, 44 School St., Quincy, on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 10 a.m. Interment to follow at Pine Hill Cemetery, West Quincy.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Christina's memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

OBITUARIES

Maureen C. 'Molly' Murphy, 76

Maureen C. "Molly" Murphy, a longtime resident of Quincy, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023. She was 76.

She was born in Boston and raised in the South End and Brighton by Deke and Mary Demars. She graduated from Brighton High School and later in life earned her Associate Degree in Criminal Justice at Quincy College with High Honors. She worked as an administrator for Shuster, Inc. and Cronin Property Management for many years.

Molly loved spending time with her family. She loved to travel with her husband Don and spent winters in Siesta Key, FL and many family summer vacations in Falmouth. She had 9 grandchildren and a special, distinctive relationship with each one of them. She learned to text and use social media to stay in daily contact with them. Molly was the life of the party in her neighborhood and

MAUREEN C. 'MOLLY' MURPHY

would host a 4th of July pool party and a Christmas Eve open house every year. She had many friends and always made time for their movie nights, Thursday lunches, bowling league and trivia nights. At home she enjoyed keeping her mind sharp with daily crosswords, sudoku, and Scrabble.

Molly was a compassionate, dynamic and loyal wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Her strength, spirit, generosity and sense of humor will be missed by all who knew her.

Beloved wife of 54 years to the late Donald J. Murphy. Loving mother to Michael Murphy and his wife Aileen of Newton, David Murphy and his wife Amy of Quincy and Jessica Colantonio and her husband Matthew of Quincy. Cherished Nana to Myles, Jackson, Joseph, Michael, Grant, Sophia, Molly, Lilah and Cash. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Predeceased by her parents, Mary and Deke Demars and her siblings, Patricia McDermott, Helen Priday, Thomas Priday, Susan McNulty and Richard Demars.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral Mass at St. Ann's Church at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Burial to follow at Pine Hill Cemetery, Quincy.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Molly's name to My Brother's Keeper, P.O. Box 338, Easton, MA 02356 or mybrotherskeeper.org/donate.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

Katherine B. Finnegan, 93

Katherine B. (Milisi) Finnegan, of Quincy, formerly of South Boston, died peacefully in her home on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023. She was 93.

Katherine was born in Boston on Feb. 10, 1930 and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Rose (Madonna) Milisi. She was raised in South Boston, attended local schools, and graduated from The Gavin School.

Katherine worked as a bookkeeper for Stop & Shop Supermarket. She loved her work and the relationships she built throughout the years.

Katherine was the beloved wife of the late Francis J. Finnegan, who died in 1998. She was the devoted mother of Karen F. Petit and her husband Robert of Quincy, David L. Finnegan and his wife Linda of Quincy, Brian Finnegan of Florida, and Michael J. Finnegan of Quincy. Katherine was the loving grandmother of six and the loving great grandmother of four. She was the dear sister of Josephine

KATHERINE B. FINNEGAN

Costello and her husband Thomas of Quincy, the late Mary Robinson, the late Thomas Milisi, and the late Theresa Andrewski. Katherine is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, 4-8 p.m. in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

Her funeral service will be celebrated on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, at 10 a.m. in the Keohane Funeral Home, Quincy.

Services will conclude with interment in Village Cemetery, Weymouth.

See www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

More Obituaries on Page 29 and online at www.TheQuincySun.com

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. NO19P1404EA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200
Estate of:
Kathleen S. Ridge
Date of Death:
02/23/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A - Formal Appointment of Successor PR** has been filed by **Cynthia M. Donovan** of **Pawtucket, RI** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Cynthia M. Donovan** of **Pawtucket, RI** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M. on the return day of 01/03/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 27, 2023
COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

12/7/23

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Norfolk Division
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Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200
Estate of:
John F. Paschal
Also Known As:
John Paschal
Date of Death:
July 31, 2022

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of:

Petitioner **Matthew J. Paschal** of **Hanover, MA.**

Matthew J. Paschal of **Hanover, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Norfolk Division
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200
Estate of:
Daniel M. Graham
Date of Death:
October 8, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of:

Petitioner **John F. Mulloy** of **Boston, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

John F. Mulloy of **Boston, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

12/7/23

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy, Massachusetts

November 28, 2023

Notice of Public Hearing

The Quincy City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 18th at 6:35 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy on Council Order 2023-119 – Order – Land Disposition Agreement – Former Ross Lot currently pending in the Ordinance Committee.

A copy of the order may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA Monday through Friday during regular working hours 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Any person wishing to comment can also do so via email to jmanning@quincyma.gov or by regular first-class mail addressed to the City Council Office 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02169 Attn: Jennifer Manning. Written comments must be received prior to noon on December 18th, 2023 to be entered into the record. Requests for translation and CART services can be directed to planning@quincyma.gov on or before 4:00 PM Wednesday, December 13th, 2023.

A TRUE COPY
ATTEST: Nicole L. Crispo
Clerk of Council

12/7/23

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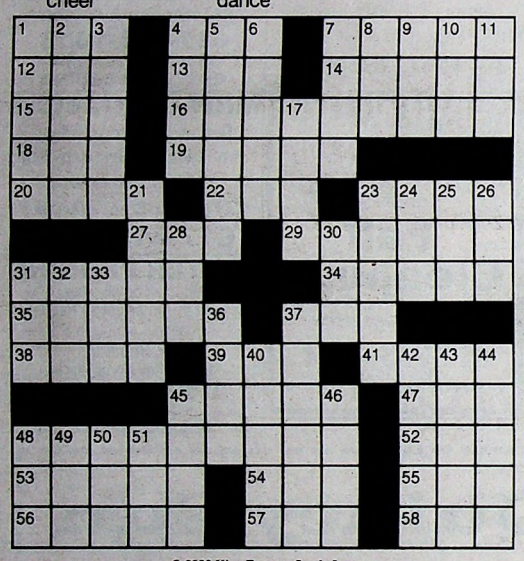

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R Q Y A R G B B P N B M L J T

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A MALE BOVINE

Bald	Clear	Gray	Spear
Bare	Dead	Light	Thick
Bone	Double	Pig	Wrong
Buffle	Empty	Red	

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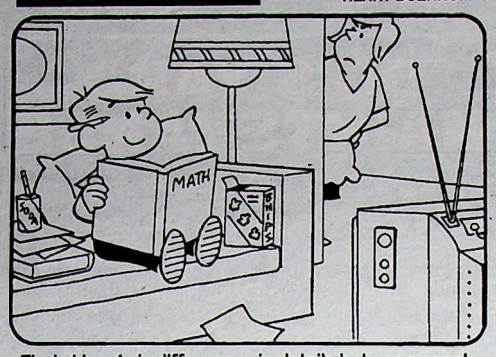
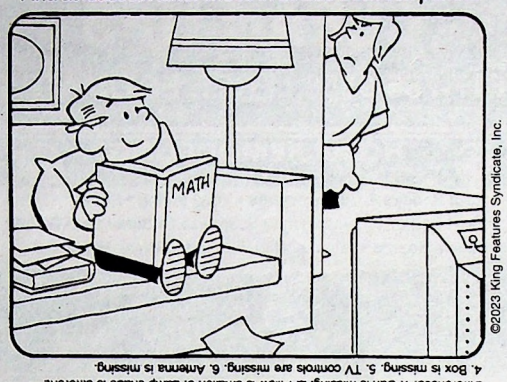
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Can is missing. 2. Pillow is smaller. 3. Lamp shade is different. 4. Box is missing. 5. TV controls are missing. 6. Antenna is missing.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: Which Disney animated movie features the song "Whistle While You Work"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which two oceans are on Russia's shores?
3. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented in the condition called euphobia?
4. TELEVISION: What is "The Simpsons" home address?
5. GAMES: How many dimples are on a golf ball?
6. ASTRONOMY: Earth's place in the solar system is how many planets from the Sun?
7. LANGUAGE: What is the only country in South America whose official language is Dutch?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is a sweetbread?
9. LITERATURE: In which century was "The Canterbury Tales" written?
10. SCIENCE: Who is considered the father of modern astronomy?

Answers
1. "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."
2. Arctic and Pacific.
3. Fear of good news.
4. 742 Evergreen Terrace.
5. Generally between 300-500.
6. Third.
7. Suriname.
8. Internal organs of a young animal.
9. Late 14th century.
10. Copernicus.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although taking advice isn't always easy for the headstrong Sheep, you might want to consider what someone you respect will have to say about an upcoming decision.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new offer is tempting, but don't be bullied into a quick decision. Rely on your keen Bovine business sense to alert you to anything that might be questionable.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your "Gemini Twin" nature rallies to help you deal with this week's hectic schedule, both in your personal and professional lives. One caution: Watch your diet.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Avoid rushing to make up for lost time on a stalled workplace operation. It's best to set up a schedule and pace yourself. Welcome the help of your colleagues.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Despite those glittering holiday distractions that you love so well, be sure to keep your feline senses set on high to alert you to anything that might require fast action.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Making an effort to restore fraying relationships proves to be more successful than you dared hope. The holidays also bring new friends into your life.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Private and professional matters compete for your attention. Be honest in your assessment of which should get more of it – and for how long.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A seemingly endless list of must-do tasks is best handled by tackling them one by one. Don't forget to take energy-restoring time-outs between each job.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A vexing relationship seems destined to deteriorate no matter what each side tries to do. A third party's advice just might prove to be helpful.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Reach out and ease any tensions caused by home or workplace pressures before they threaten the relationship-building progress that you've made.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You often go out of your way to show kindness to others, so don't be surprised if other people want to do something nice for you this week.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) People in your life respect your Piscean wisdom, so don't hesitate to speak up about a matter that you feel isn't being handled quite the way it should.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your personal warmth helps you make friendships, and your sense of fair play helps you keep them.

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CryptoQuip

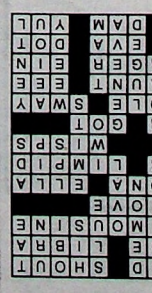
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Z equals H

IZC RN QZT EYZDAEQDYQF NL D GTKQDEY FNWQZTDFQ DFEDY EFMDYR DMIDCF FTTS FN LTDKLWM? ATGDWFT QZTC'KT QESNK-NWF.

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.



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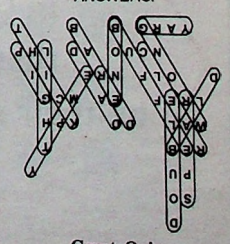

CryptoQuip answer

Why do the inhabitants of a certain Southeast Asian island always seem so fearful? Because they're Timor-ous.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD – Pedro Pascal is arguably one of the busiest actors in Hollywood today. The 48-year-old "overnight sensation" (which only took 30 years) scored with the Max series *"The Last of Us,"* which begins shooting their second season early next year. Awaiting release for Pascal is *"Gladiator 2"* with Denzel Washington, which is scheduled for Nov. 22, 2024. He has also signed on to play Reed Richards, aka Mr. Fantastic, in Marvel's upcoming reboot of *"Fantastic Four."* The 2005 "Fantastic Four" and its 2007 sequel *"Rise of the Silver Surfer"* barely broke even, yet plans are afoot for another try at it with Pascal at the helm.

Then there's his horror film *"Weapons,"* described by the Hollywood Reporter as an "interrelated, multistory horror epic that tonally is in the vein of *'Magnolia.'*" On top of that, he has Ethan Coen's *"Drive-Away Dolls,"* which Coen wrote, produced and directed. It co-stars Margaret Qualley, daughter of Andie MacDowell.

Also upcoming for Pascal is *"Freaky Tales"* with Ben Mendelsohn and Netflix's *"The Uninvited,"* which follows a stranger who crashes a party and sparks a comedy of errors and a reordering of life. In addition, he's set to star in *"My Dentist's Murder Trial,"* an HBO true-crime series about a dentist charged with poisoning his close friend. Small wonder why he bowed out of the fourth season of *"The Mandalorian."*

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Jimmy Kimmel, who hosted the Academy Awards in 2017, 2018 and 2023, has signed on to host his fourth Oscars, which will premiere on Sunday, March 10, 2024.

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Christopher Nolan, director of the $951-million-grossing film *"Oppenheimer,"* revealed that he decided to make the film after being gifted with a copy of the Pulitzer-Prize-winning book *"American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer."* The gesture came from his *"Tenet"* star Robert Pattinson during the wrap party of their 2020 film.

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Oscar-winning documentary director Jessica Yu, 57, is making a feature-length documentary exploring the origins of the 71-year-old Mad magazine. *"What, me worry?"*

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In addition to *"Priscilla"* and the recently released *"Saltburn,"* with Rosamund Pike and Carey Mulligan, Jacob Elordi is currently shooting Paul Schrader's *"Oh, Canada"* and will soon be shooting season three of "Euphoria." But when asked to read for Superman, he said, "No, thank you! That's too dark for me." He wouldn't even entertain becoming the next Superman. (The role went to David Corenswet.)

Elordi admitted, "I don't see myself having any interest in that. I like to make what I would watch, and I get very restless watching those movies. And then I'm supposed to finish it with: 'Never say never!'"

When asked about his highly rated Netflix trilogy, *"The Kissing Booth,"* he explains, "I didn't want to make those movies. Those movies are ridiculous. They're not universal. They're an escape." All I can say is call me ridiculous because I loved all three films!

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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KOVELS Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Homemade Sleds — Do you have fond memories of spending a winter day sliding down a snowy hill? Sledding is a pastime that has been around for a long time.

Archaeologists have evidence that the earliest sleds were used not in snowy climates, but in ancient Egypt. Heavy loads like stone for construction or monuments were loaded onto platforms with runners and pushed along tracks to their destination.

Sleds have been in use for so long that it's uncertain when they went from being practical vehicles to children's toys. The first steerable sled for children, the Flexible Flyer, was patented in 1889. Before then, children played with homemade sleds that are now collected as folk art.

This sled, painted blue with yellow stripes and a spray of flowers, with metal swan's head handles, was made in the 19th century and sold for $328 at an auction by Pook & Pook, Inc.

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Q: I'd like to know the possible value of a Florence Ceramics three-section bonbon dish. It's light pink with two applied pink roses and one rose bud in the center where the three parts come together. It has irregularly shaped ruffled and fluted edges and is about 9 inches by 9 inches.

A: Florence Ward started Florence Ceramics Co. in Pasadena, California, in 1942. She worked out of her garage until moving to larger quarters in 1946. The company was in business until 1964, when it was sold to Scripto Corp., which closed in 1977. The company is best known for its figurines depicting historical or fictional characters. Boxes, bud vases, candleholders, candy dishes and other decorative items were also made. Several different pieces were made with delicate applied roses. A dish similar to yours was listed online for $50.

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TIP: To remove wax from a Hanukkah menorah or another candleholder with small candle cups, run hot water in the holes or use a hair dryer to warm the metal, then remove the wax with cotton swabs.

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CURRENT PRICES

• Pair of Christmas ornaments, acorns, mercury glass, silver finish, kugel style, 8 inches, $50.

• Toy, Santa Claus, Steiff, plush, stuffed, red suit, hat and boots, white faux fur trim, stitched felt fingers, tag on chest, 14 x 8 inches, $110.

• Furniture, cupboard, hanging, yellow fir, flat molded top, wood peg construction, single paneled door opens to two shelves and three small over wide drawers, hand-forged hinges and lock, 28 x 23 x 10 inches, $750.

• Daum cameo glass bowl, scenic landscape, river, distant village, white shaded to green, acid etched, gilt ginkgo leaves, round, four-sided undulating rim with band of enamel flowers, marked, "Daum Nancy," Cross of Lorraine, 4 x 5 x 6 inches, $3,600.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com.

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Strange BUT TRUE

• Water itself does not conduct electricity well, but the impurities found in water do.

• When Ethiopian emperor Menelik II didn't feel well, he would eat a few pages of the Bible. While this curious habit didn't do him any harm as long as his consumption was limited, in 1913, feeling particularly ill after a stroke, he ordered an entire Old Testament book of Kings to be fed to him, a page at a time, but died before he could complete it.

• Humans can live unprotected in space for about 30 seconds if they don't hold their breath.

• Two actors have died while playing Judas Iscariot in live productions of the biblical story by accidentally hanging themselves for real during his death scene.

• Ever find yourself getting a little sleepy during a virtual meeting? Contrary to popular belief, researchers have determined that the cause isn't information overload, but mental underload and boredom. (Frankly, we're not too surprised!)

• A 1999 study found that a single square kilometer (247 acres) of the Amazon rainforest can contain about 90,790 tons of living plants.

• As editors around the globe already know, hearing grammatical errors can cause physical stress.

• Following a nationwide legal battle (and graceful concession from Gregory's Restaurant and Bar in New Jersey), Taco Bell successfully ensured that the term "Taco Tuesday" can be used freely throughout all 50 states.

• If Earth's history was condensed into a 24-hour span, life would have appeared at 4 a.m., land plants at 10:24 p.m., dinosaur extinction at 11:41 p.m., and human history would have begun at 11:58:43 p.m.

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Thought for the Day: "If a man empties his purse into his head, no one can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." – *Benjamin Franklin*

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Now here's a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

• Zip-top bags are essential when our family packs for holiday visiting. We use gallon-size bags for the kids' outfits – top, bottoms, underclothes, etc. – and each bag holds one complete set. There is no suitcase chaos, as the bag comes out, and yesterday's clothing goes in, ready for laundry day when we get home. Happy traveling. *– JoAnn*

• After Christmas sales are a great time to buy not only gift wrap (look for solid colors that you can use all year long), holiday cards and decoration, but also next season's winter wear. Things like scarves and gloves can be great bargains. And even coats can go on sale. Take advantage – especially if you have kids – and buy up.

– Here is a wonderful shopping tip that's especially useful during holiday shopping but is something we do all year round: Spend your first hour or so browsing only. Nothing goes in the shopping cart or your bag, and no purchases. If, after you are ready to buy, you still remember the things you "had to have," go back and make the purchases. *– M.M. in Arizona*

• A great storage container for fancy ornaments is a liquor box, which you can get for free outside of package stores. They have cardboard separators that make it easy to store glass bulbs. *– W.F. in New Mexico*

• I try to buy the same amount of presents for each of my grandchildren. I set a budget for each, and that carries me throughout the year, as I like to shop early for sales. One thing I do, though, is to take into account the value of the item if I get a super great deal. I think it makes it more fair for the rest of them. I haven't had any complaints! *– Grandma, via email*

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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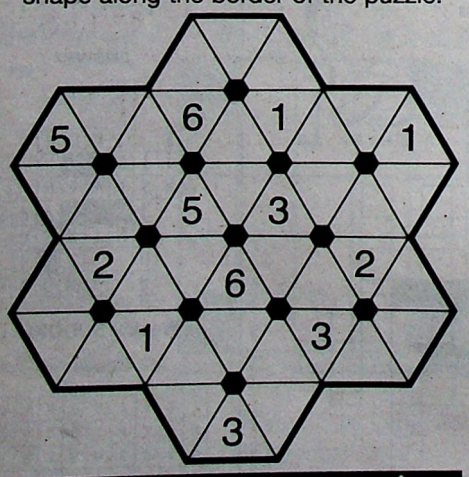
SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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STICKELERS [sic].

by Terry Stickels

Which of the words below does not belong with the others?

1) SPAGHETTI
2) PASTTIME
3) DUMBELL
4) COMMITED
5) HARRANGUE

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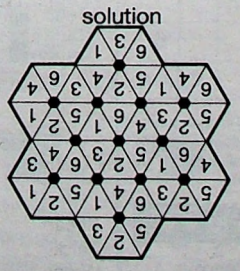
SNOWFLAKES solution



Go Figure! answers

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9		15		8	

Stickelers Answer 1) SPAGHETTI does not belong with the others. All of the other words are misspelled.

Super Crossword — TRIMMING UP

ACROSS

1 Sports events played by visiting teams
10 Obeys reluctantly
16 Boho-chic Aussie boots
20 Arched shoe part
21 Part of U.K.
22 She talks on iPhones
23 Parasites plaguing the Cheshire cat?
25 A party to
26 Everlasting, poetically
27 Above ground
28 Bedazzled
29 Worked to get a different reward?
35 Pizza base
38 Tic-tac-toe win
39 Geometry assignments
40 "Dr." who raps
41 Above, poetically
42 Yard separators
45 Prefix with cyclist
46 Combat vet's affliction, for short
47 One giving technical advice to wizards?
52 Bull in a ring
54 Structure near a tonsil
55 "Othello" adversary
56 Relatives of alpacas
59 Adversary
60 City area where lots of radiators are produced?
63 Sword variety
66 Medic
67 Hiking aid
68 Disgusting
69 Untwisting threads overseas?
75 "I think —!"
77 Mobile's state
78 Smell horrible
79 Big ape
83 Hoofbeat
84 Math student doing sums correctly?
87 Mötley —
89 — hub (tech device)
91 Widely known
92 "Nope"
93 Narrow estuary
94 Guinea pig's cousin
97 Ring legend Muhammad
98 Speechify
100 Clock setting at the rear of a ship?
105 Makes grimy
106 Eye color, e.g.
107 Non-Spanish spelling of an Arizona tribe's name
111 Pack neatly
112 Trim request ... or what this puzzle takes, based on what its missing letters spell?
117 Sicilian peak
118 Use a hammer to fix, perhaps
119 Angry cry to a captor
120 Promising
121 Lacey's partner on TV
122 Hugh Jackman film about robot boxing

DOWN

1 Vex
2 Doing the job
3 Suffix with clear or vigil
4 Certain plows and tractors
5 Give a smile
6 Ed of "Gus"
7 Trim grass
8 "Do Ya" rock gp.
9 Wash. bigwig
10 Good, in Spain
11 Freeway access point
12 More shrewd
13 Begin
14 "X" number
15 Eccentric
16 Consuming
17 Popular highball
18 Gardeners, farmers, etc.
19 Well-muscled
24 Affront, in rap
28 GEICO's bus.
30 Incessantly
31 Geologic spans
32 Lead-in to drama
33 Sweetie pie
34 Should that be the case
35 Super-deep sleep
36 Skim, say
37 Spur (on)
42 Pâté de — gras
43 Hollywood's Kazan
44 Eye color, e.g.
46 Itchy, medically
48 Make weak
49 Pigeon sound
50 Geologic span
51 Shearer of "A Free Soul"
53 Sept. follower
56 Bigwig
57 Comic strip cry of dismay
58 Sloppy farm area
60 Animal in a 58-Down
61 Greeting with a GIF, maybe
62 June honoree
63 Geologic span
64 Chum
65 Pre-hurricane orders
66 Stuff in the gene pool
70 Thai language
71 Oppose as false
72 Snoozing site
73 Atoll feature
74 Sticky pod in Cajun cuisine
75 Entre — (between us)
76 Tolkien beast
79 Astronaut's wear
80 "Girls" creator Dunham
81 Legal exam, for short
82 Former court king Arthur
84 Lying adjacent to
85 Epps of "Scream 2"
86 Give up a poker hand
87 More boorish
88 Trattoria rice dish
90 Distress call
94 — Antiqua
95 Plaid design
96 Even-scored
98 Nebraskan Native Americans
99 Reinstate in an office
101 1999 Super Bowl MVP John
102 Humdinger
103 Wolfed down
104 Spying info
108 To — (perfectly)
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113 Rural stretch
114 Rink legend Bobby
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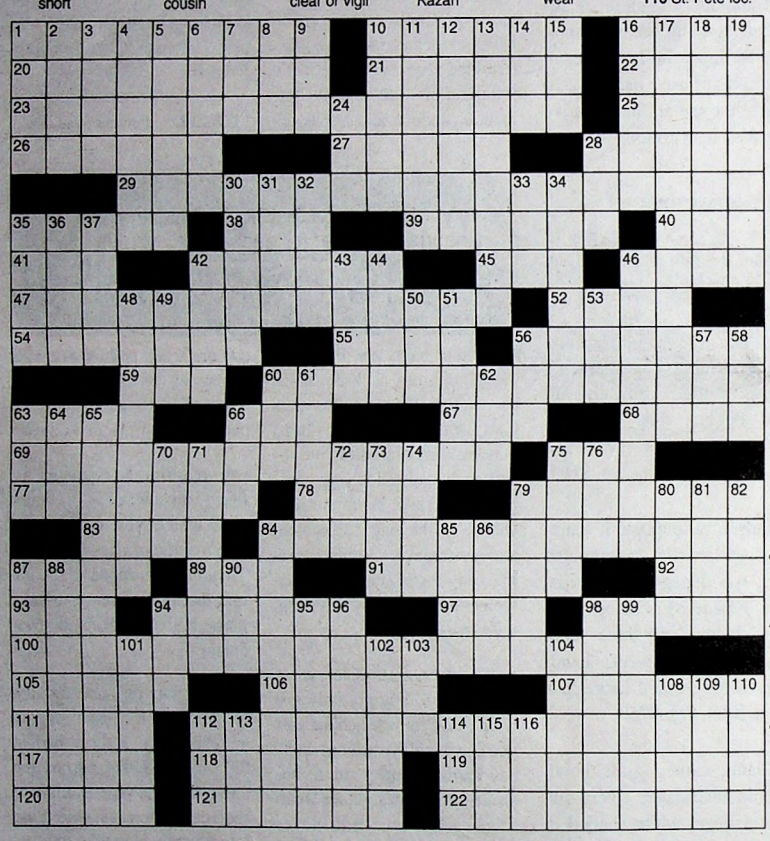
116 St. Pete loc.



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celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q: My husband and I have been eagerly awaiting for our *"Chicago"* shows to return. Is there a definitive premiere date yet? – *K.H.*

A: Yes, now that the strikes in Hollywood have ended, cast members have returned to their sets for filming. NBC has even started airing commercials officially announcing that *"Chicago Med," "Chicago Fire"* and *"Chicago P.D."* will begin airing new episodes, starting at 8 p.m. ET on Wednesday, Jan. 17, in the above order.

Also on NBC, another popular trio of shows – *"Law & Order," "Law & Order: SVU"* and *"Law & Order: Organized Crime"* – will debut their new seasons on Thursday, Jan. 18, beginning at 8 p.m. ET.

Just because these long-running series are returning in January doesn't mean that every TV network is ready. According to Variety, "the well-established machinery of the *'One Chicago'* and *'Law & Order'* franchises allows them to get back into the swing of things rather quickly."

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Q: Is it true that there's going to be another "Frozen" movie? When is it coming out? – *O.P.*

A: A decade after Disney's wildly successful musical movie "Frozen" premiered in theaters, a third one is in development – and possibly a fourth. It was initially conceived as a hand-drawn animated film back in 1937 based on Hans Christian Andersen's *"The Snow Queen"* before it made its way to the big screen in the 21st century.

Stars Idina Menzel and Kristen Bell had originally auditioned for *"Tangled"* years earlier, both going for the role that Mandy Moore eventually lent her voice to. The wait was worth it, however, because *"Frozen"* would become the highest-grossing animated film of its time…that is, until its sequel, *"Frozen II,"* surpassed it. As for the *"Frozen III"* premiere date, online publications are guessing anywhere from 2024 to 2027. What matters, though, is what Disney says, and so far, an official release date hasn't been set. However, Jennifer Lee, Disney's animation chief creative officer, has stated that a fourth film might be necessary because "they have a lot of story to tell."

Two recent animated Disney movies – *"Elemental"* and *"Strange World"* – didn't fare so well at the box office, and both were each based on original ideas. So, returning to a preexisting franchise like *"Frozen"* will be a guaranteed home run.

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Q: I occasionally see actress Jennifer Tilly on "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" because she's friends with Sutton Stracke. Is she still acting? – *K.J.*

A: Yes, Jennifer Tilly is still acting, and she's also best friends with *"RHOBH"* cast member Sutton Stracke. She's currently starring in the *"Chucky"* series streaming on Peacock. She also voices the character of Bonnie on the long-running animated series *"Family Guy."* Tilly can also add being Oscar-nominated to her list of achievements for her supporting role in 1994's *"Bullets Over Broadway."*

If she has any reality show career aspirations, she hasn't made it known, but she occasionally appears on *"RHOBH"* due to her friendship with Stracke. On the show, the two ladies recently greeted Stracke's beautiful horse, Santos, whom Stracke had purchased overseas.

Actress **Jennifer Tilly**

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Uncover	_ _ V _ _ _	Revoke	_ _ P _ _ _
2. Georgia fruit	_ E _ _ _	Steam cook an egg	_ O _ _ _
3. Join together	_ _ _ _ _ N	More rapidly	_ _ _ _ _ R
4. Dedicate	_ _ V _ _ _	Designate	_ _ N _ _ _
5. Really speedy	_ _ _ C _	Idiosyncrasy	_ _ _ R _
6. Correct	R _ _ _ _	No longer dark	L _ _ _ _
7. Twisted cord	_ _ _ N _	More than once	_ _ _ C _
8. Fissure	_ _ _ _ C _	Gulp of air	_ _ _ _ T _
9. Calvary sword	_ A _ _ _	Clear-headed	_ O _ _ _
10. Energetic and perky	_ I _ _ _ _	Beautiful	_ O _ _ _ _

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	4			3			2	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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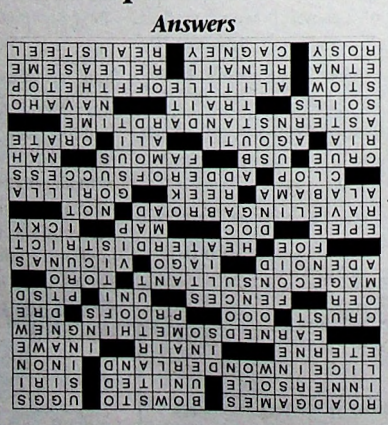
Super Crossword Answers



Even Exchange answers

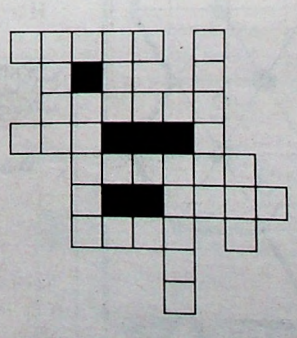
1. Reveal, Repeal
2. Peach, Poach
3. Fasten, Faster
4. Devote, Denote
5. Quick, Quirk
6. Right, Light
7. Twine, Twice
8. Breach, Breath
9. Saber, Sober
10. Lively, Lovely

FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

HSI
SHEGUT
CHNSY
♥ EPRA
♥ HESWIN
KWO
TSRI
♥ ELTIS
PYS
NAGKIS
WOGLR
WHLO



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART**). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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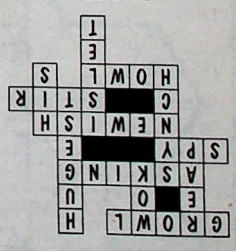
FEAR KNOT answer



Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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3	6	8	2	4	9	1	5	7
2	3	5	4	7	1	6	8	9
6	7	4	9	2	8	5	1	3
8	1	9	3	6	5	4	7	2
1	8	3	6	9	2	7	4	5
7	5	2	8	1	4	3	9	6
9	4	6	5	3	7	8	2	1

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

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Americanisms

"I firmly believe you should never spend your time being the former anything."
—*Condoleeza Rice*

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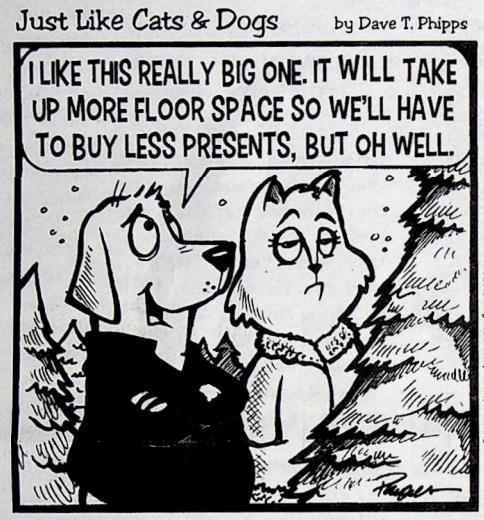
Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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"When I said give him everything you've got—

I didn't mean your _____!

Fewest
STEAL ____ ____ ____ ____ ____

Companion
SECTOR ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____

Lift
ARISE ____ ____ ____ ____ ____

Vast
GATER ____ ____ ____ ____ ____

TODAY'S WORD

____ ____ ____ ____ ____

Micro Crossword

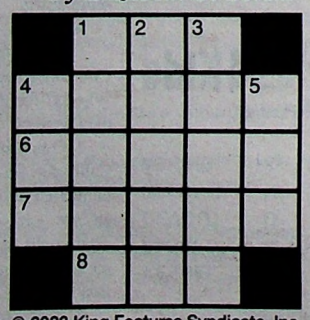
By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

1 ___ Anthony (Season 20 winner of "The Voice")
4 Underground explorer
6 Group of lions
7 Big-ticket watch brand
8 Call to a shepherd

Down

1 Chocolate substitute
2 Teresa of ___ (Spanish saint)
3 Tragedy by Euripides
4 Lifeguard's skill, briefly
5 "Toy Story" dinosaur



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STREAMING SOURCE

Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of December 11, 2023

ON NOW: "Diary of a Wimpy Kid Christmas: Cabin Fever" (PG) – *Disney+*

12-Dec: "Kevin Hart & Chris Rock: Headliners Only" (Documentary) – *Netflix*

12-Dec: "Under Pressure: The U.S. Women's World Cup Team" (Season 1) – *Netflix*

14-Dec: "The Real Housewives Ultimate Girls Trip" (Season 4) – *Peacock*

14-Dec: "The Crown" (Season 6, Part 2) – *Netflix*

15-Dec: "Such Brave Girls" (Season 1) – *Hulu*

15-Dec: "The Family Plan" (PG-13) – *AppleTV+*

15-Dec: "Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget" (PG) – *Netflix*

15-Dec: "Finestkind" (R) – *Paramount+*

15-Dec: "Reacher" (Season 2) – *Prime Video*

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Paw's corner

by Sam Mazzotta

Should Owner Punish a Puppy After Accident?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I bought a puppy a few weeks ago who was between 2 to 3 months old. Star is wonderful, and housetraining has been OK. But yesterday, he pooed in the hallway while we were out. My boyfriend says I need to push his nose into the mess and punish him. I don't think that's the right way to train a puppy. What do you think? – *Daria in St. Louis, Missouri*

DEAR DARIA: Your instinct is spot on, and you should trust it more. That's the wrong way to train a puppy. It's aggressive, negative and doesn't teach the puppy anything – except to be afraid.

Young puppies are learning machines, picking up habits quickly – both good and bad. They need to be constantly supervised to keep them safe and to correct them (not punish them) on the spot so they learn what they can and can't do in the household. When they're not supervised, I recommend placing them in a properly sized kennel crate. Think of it as a den for your puppy, a safe spot. Again, not a place to punish him.

Furthermore, puppies need to pee and poo more frequently than adult dogs – about four times daily at Star's age, but sometimes more. It's up to you to make sure their elimination schedule is adequate and that you are there to supervise them. Star couldn't wait for you to get home, so he went in the hallway. That's on you, not on Star.

Clean up the mess (spray with an odor eliminator) and continue your training schedule with Star. And keep following your instincts about the best way to train and correct him.

Readers, how would you respond to the boyfriend's advice? Tell us at ask@pawscorner.com.

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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from STORE to AMONG in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

STORE

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

AMONG

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Sports QUIZ

by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Who succeeded Larry O'Brien as commissioner of the NBA in 1984?

2. What LPGA Tour golfer, nicknamed "Bam-Bam" for her long tee shots, won majors at the 2009 Kraft Nabisco Championship and the 2015 ANA Inspiration?

3. Manager Bob Lemon led the New York Yankees to a World Series title in 1978 after being fired in the middle of that season by what team?

4. Name the race car driver, the 1986 Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year, who was convicted in the late 1980s for importing and distributing over 300 tons of marijuana?

5. In a November 2007 game, what two quarterbacks had a combined age of 82, making them the oldest starting duo in NFL history?

6. Italian boxer Primo "The Ambling Alp" Carnera holds the heavyweight record for career fights won by knockout with how many?

7. What cast member of the TV sitcom "Friends" was a nationally ranked junior tennis player in Canada?

Answers

1. David Stern.
2. Brittany Lincicome.
3. The Chicago White Sox.
4. Randy Lanier.
5. Vinny Testaverde (44) and Brett Favre (38).
6. 72.
7. Matthew Perry.

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Micro Crossword Answer

	B	A	A
R	O	L	E	X
P	R	I	D	E
C	A	V	E	R
	C	A	M	

WORD LADDER Answer

STORE, STONE, ATONE, ALONE, ALONG, AMONG

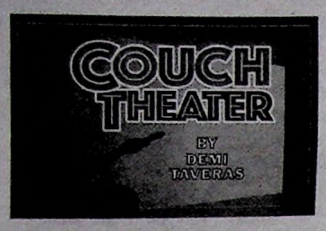
SCRAMBLERS solution

TITLE

Today's Word

1. Least 2. Escort; 3. Raise; 4. Great

MORE SUN FUN



"Minions: The Rise of Gru" (PG) — Steve Carell's grouchy, yet lovable supervillain, Gru, first appeared on the big screen in 2010 during the box-office sensation "Despicable Me." The film quickly evolved into the highest-grossing animated franchise of all time, and "Minions: The Rise of Gru" was no different than its predecessors, garnering close to $1 billion. Starring Carell as Gru and Pierre Coffin as the minions, the latest film in the franchise takes us back to 1976 where an 11-year-old Gru dreams of becoming a supervillain. But with ambitions as high as Gru's, he can't go it alone and will need to find some assistance — specifically in the form of a yellow banana-loving species of creatures. Out now. (Peacock)

"The World to Come" (R) — Winner of the 2020 Queer Lion award at the Venice International Film Festival, this drama film taking place in 1856 New York stars Katherine Waterson ("Fantastic Beasts") and Vanessa Kirby ("The Crown") as two respectively married women who feel severe isolation in the farmlands they live in. Both being married to emotionally lacking men, and being devoid of children, the two women start spending their downtime together and find meaningful solace in their shared moments. Eventually, they find that their bond is much deeper than friendship. Waterson and Kirby are an incredible lead duo; their performances as actresses excellently sync up to the profound and poetic dialogue of their characters. Out now. (Hulu)

"Little Richard: I Am Everything" (NR) — Known as the "Architect of Rock and Roll," Richard Penniman, aka Little Richard, was a pioneer of his genre and lives on as a legend of popular music and culture. This documentary, which features tons of archival footage and interviews with his family and other musicians, dives into his legacy and explores his influence as a Black queer icon. It also touches on how he inspired other artists of his time and the many eras of music yet to come. The film depicts a very nuanced story that centers on the fact that Little Richard "was an omni being who contained multitudes — he was unabashedly everything." Out now. (Max)

Courtesy of Netflix

Greta Fernandez, left, and Natalia de Molina star in "Elisa & Marcela."

"Elisa & Marcela" (TV-MA) — This Spanish-language biographical film shot entirely in black and white is one of Netflix's hidden gems and a must-watch for those who enjoy minimalistic, character-driven movies. Inspired by the true story of Elisa Sanchez Loriga and Marcela Gracia Ibeas, the film recounts how a lesbian couple managed to get married in 1901 at the Church of Saint George in A Coruna, Spain. As if told in book chapters, it details how the two women met during their time at school and formed an immediate friendship that progressed into a forbidden romantic relationship. When outside forces threaten to drive them apart, Elisa and Marcela go to great lengths to conceal their relationship, with Elisa even taking the identity of her deceased male cousin. Out now. (Netlfix)

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT IS BLACK AND WHITE AND BLUE?

CARHOP	___	PORCH	VESSEL	___	ELVES
			PARKED	___	DRAPE
SABERS	___	BARES	DEVOUT	___	VOTED
TOMATO	___	MOTTO	BELONG	___	GLOBE
RINSED	___	SIREN	ASKING	___	GAINS

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Vitamins For Macular Degeneration Coincide With New Cramps

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have been told at the age of 70 that I am in the early stages of the eye disease macular degeneration. The doctor told me to take PreserVision AREDS 2 vitamins. He said that I will be taking them for the rest of my life. I started them immediately, and a few nights later, I started having severe left leg cramps to the point where I woke out of a sound sleep to jump out of bed and shake off the cramp. Is this typical? -- *C.L.*

ANSWER: For the dry form of age-related macular degeneration, the AREDS and AREDS2 vitamins are the usual treatment. Although they are not a cure, they do slow progression of the disease.

My experience with these has been that they almost never cause side effects, and muscle cramping is not a reported side effect by the manufacturer. The timing, however, certainly is suspicious. You can try stopping them for a few days, then restarting them to see if the cramps are truly affected by the vitamins.

If they are, you have two choices. The first is to deal with cramps the same way that people who get them at night for no particular reason deal with it, which is by getting regular moderate exercise and stretching the calf and hamstring muscles before bed.

Having weight on the toes is a trigger for many people, so very light bed covers that aren't tucked in can be surprisingly helpful. I've had a few readers come up with devices to keep all weight off of their toes in bed.

Your second option is to discuss an alternative with your eye professional. The AREDS and AREDS2 formulas were shown to be helpful, but some eye professionals only choose a few components of the formula.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: I recently had a CT scan of my chest and pelvis that resulted in an incidental finding of "mild bibasilar atelectasis." My doctor does not seem to be concerned at all. Should they be? -- *J.M.*

ANSWER: "Bibasilar atelectasis" is a scary-sounding term unfamiliar to most people, so I understand why you might be concerned. "Atelectasis" refers to non-inflation of the tiny air structures in the lung called the alveoli. The bottom of the lungs are the bases, so "bibasilar atelectasis" means a partial collapse of the lung at the bases.

This is very common in people who aren't breathing deeply, such as those who undergo surgery. In healthy people, this finding is not likely to represent serious disease of the lung. Before (and while you were getting) your CT scan, you might not have been breathing very deeply, allowing a very small portion of the lungs to deflate a bit. A few really deep breaths are all that is usually needed to open up those air sacs again. Sighing is a mechanism found in virtually all animals that helps treat and prevent atelectasis.

If that was the only finding on your CT scan, and you are otherwise healthy, your doctor is right not to be concerned, although I wish that they had explained it a little better to keep you from getting concerned in the first place.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu..

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

CARHOP	A	PORCH	VESSEL	S	ELVES
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RINSED	D	SIREN	ASKING	K	GAINS

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Books As Brain Food

Now here's a "novel" way to increase our brain function. It doesn't involve getting more exercise or eating certain foods. It doesn't include doing puzzles. We only need to grab a book and start flipping pages.

Emory University did a study that showed how there are "quantifiable changes" in brain activity when participants read a book. Granted, it was a bit more regimented than just grabbing your favorite author's latest bestseller.

In the study, participants were given a baseline brain scan each day for a few days. Then they were given the thriller "Pompeii" by Robert Harris with instructions to read 30 pages a night. Each morning they were given another brain scan. After the book was finished (about nine days), they were given more scans to see how the brain reacted. Researchers were able to track which portions of the book the participants were reading and correlate them to the brain scan images.

Here's what they learned: During reading, and for days afterward, there were significant activity increases in the parts of the brain associated with story comprehension, as well as processing language.

According to the study, the reading has to be fiction to get these brain connectivity changes, something with a narrative that describes events unfolding, and a story we can identify with.

Here's my thinking: While researchers don't know yet how long these brain changes last after reading a novel, it's at least five days. Perhaps we should spend some time in 2024 re-reading the novels that had an impact on us, as well as new narrative fiction and a few of the old classics. The reference librarian is sure to be a good source for book suggestions.

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1. How did Mitch Ryder get his stage name?

2. Where was the Beatles' last live show?

3. Name the first Beach Boys song to top the charts in the U.S.

4. What song was Bobby Hebb best known for?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Though I know you're the kind of boy who only wants to run around, I'll keep waiting and, someday darling, you'll come to me when you want to settle down."

Answers

1. He spotted the name in a New York City phone book. He added "The Detroit Wheels" for the name of his band, and they were off and running.

2. Candlestick Park in San Francisco, California, on Aug. 29, 1966. The crowd numbered only 25,000, with 7,000 tickets not sold, even at a reduced price. That could have been due to Lennon's comments one month earlier about the Beatles being more popular than Jesus.

3. "I Get Around," in 1964.

4. "Sunny," in 1966. Numerous others released covers of the song around the world.

5. "One Fine Day," by the Chiffons in 1963. The song has been used in many soundtracks, including "The Flamingo Kid" (1984) as well as an episode of "The Simpsons."

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Contract Bridge

A HEART-RENDING TALE

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠A Q 6
♥7 5
♦K 10 6 2
♣Q 9 5 4

WEST
♠7 4
♥A K Q J 10 8 6
♦4 3
♣6 2

EAST
♠J 9 8 5 3
♥2
♦J 8 7 5
♣10 8 3

SOUTH
♠K 10 2
♥9 4 3
♦A Q 9
♣A K J 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	2 ♦!	Dble	Pass
3 NT	Dble	Redble	

Opening lead — ?

This deal occurred many years ago in a rubber-bridge game at the Columbia Club in Indianapolis. The story that goes with it is heart-rending, if you consider the matter solely from the viewpoint of West, Al Sobel, who was for many years chief tournament director of the American Contract Bridge League.

South (Joe Cain) opened the bidding with one notrump, and Sobel ventured the exotic overcall of two diamonds, which was doubled by North. It being lunchtime, Cain wanted to get the rubber over with as soon as possible, so he removed the double to three notrump.

Having now caught the fly in his trap, Sobel doubled. North treated this as a personal insult and redoubled! You might wonder why, under these circumstances, Sobel should have any cause for complaint. He had maneuvered the opponents exactly to where he wanted them. But unfortunately, while Sobel was licking his chops — and before he had a chance to lead his fourth-best heart — East led a club out of turn!

The irregularity occurred back in the days when one of declarer's options was the privilege of calling for a specific suit to be led. So Cain cheerfully told East to put the club back in his hand and asked West to lead a diamond. Sobel had no choice but to comply, and the upshot was that Cain took the first 11 tricks, thanks to the lead out of turn.

This resulted in an enormous swing, since South would have gone down three — 1,600 points — with a heart lead, but instead scored 1,750 points for making three notrump redoubled with two overtricks.

Sobel was understandably furious (to put it mildly) about the outcome, but Cain enjoyed his lunch very much that day.

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by Steve Becker

OBITUARY

A. Jean (Benedetti) Marinelli, 98

A. Jean (Benedetti) Marinelli, age 98, of Quincy and Braintree, passed peacefully into eternal life, Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023 at the Royal Wayland Nursing Home, in the comfort of her loving family.

Jean was born in Quincy to the late John and Rita M. (Ciardelli) Benedetti, both immigrants from Italy. Raised and educated in Quincy, she was a graduate of Quincy High School, Class of 1943, and the former Quincy City Hospital School of Nursing in 1946. She lived in Quincy for the past 26 years, previously in Braintree for 45 years.

During World War II, she had trained as a nurse cadet in WAVES (Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service) before beginning her nursing career at the Belliveau Hospital in New York City's Bowery section. Jean was a dedicated registered nurse, working as a City of Quincy visiting nurse in the Merrymount area of Quincy. She later worked as a nursing supervisor at the former Long Island Hospital in Boston Harbor and at the John Scott Nursing Home in Braintree.

Jean enjoyed her time and friendships at 1000 Southern Artery, where she was well-known for her nursing skills and for participating in senior blood pressure clinics and volunteering at the former Quincy Hospital.

A woman of great faith, Jean was a longtime active parishioner and daily com-

A. JEAN MARINELLI

municant of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Braintree. Over the years, she served in various capacities and was involved in the early days of Saint Francis Elementary School.

Most of all, Jean loved spending time with and was devoted to her family. She was a source of joy, kindness, comfort, wisdom, and faith to those who were fortunate to know her.

Beloved wife for 50 years of the late Frank V. Marinelli, having married on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1948 in Saint John the Baptist Church in Quincy.

Devoted mother of Frank A. Marinelli, Esq. and his family of Braintree, Peter S. Marinelli, Esq. and his family of Wrentham, and the late John P. Marinelli.

Loving grandmother of three grandsons and one great granddaughter.

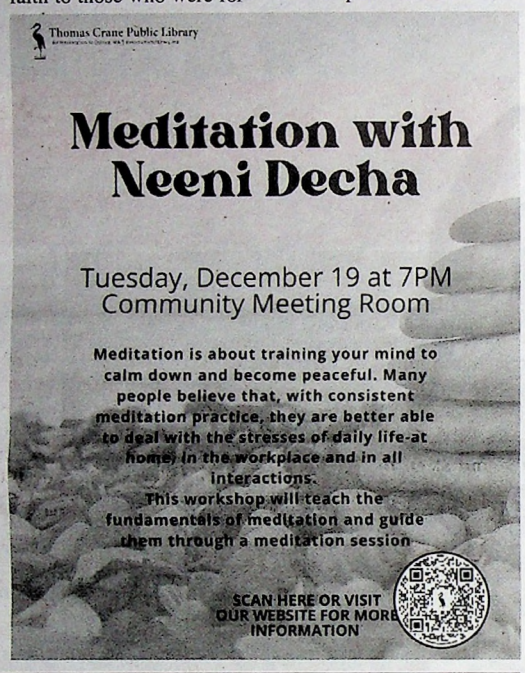
The last of three siblings, Jean was predeceased by her dear sisters, F. Marie Benedetti and Louise E. Logan.

Visiting hours will be held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave., Quincy, on Sunday, Dec. 10, from 2 – 5 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Saint John the Baptist Church, 44 School St., Quincy, on Monday, Dec. 11, at 10 a.m. Interment to follow at Mount Wollaston Cemetery, Quincy.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jean's memory may be made to Brighton Hospice, 1234 Chestnut Street, Suite 101, Newton, MA 02464.

You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.



BOOKS MAKE Great Gifts and are Easy to Wrap: The Friends of the Thomas Crane Library Bookstore has great holiday gift possibilities. Cash and cards are accepted. Visit the store in its new location in the atrium of the Main Library to see the excellent collection of fiction, history, biography, mystery, crafts, travel and children's books. Run by volunteers, the Bookstore earnings support a wide variety of Library programs. For the public's shopping convenience, the bookstore has expanded its hours and is now open six days a week: Monday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Thursday 5 to 8 p.m.; Friday 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. *Courtesy Photo*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Public Hearing

December 4, 2023

2023-130

The Quincy City Council will hold a Public Hearing, on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6:45 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy in reference to a petition from Verizon New England Inc.

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC requests permission to lay and maintain underground conduits, with wires and cables to be placed therein, under the surface of the following public way or ways:

BROAD ST./FIELD ST.

City of Quincy to install duct and manhole as per attachment. City of Quincy to turn duct & manhole system over to Verizon New England Inc. who will own and maintain system. This petition is required due to the undergrounding of Broad St. and part of Field St. for the new Public Safety Building.

Wherefore they pray that after due notice and hearing as provided by law. It may be granted a location for and permission to install and maintain poles, manholes, ducts and wires, cables. Said poles to be erected substantially with the plan filed herewith marked:- VZ N.E. Inc. Plan No. 4A0R6KW

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersection

Public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioners agree that space shall be reserved and maintained for the limited purpose of attaching one-way low voltage fire and police signaling wires owned by the municipality or governmental entity of public safety purposes only.

A copy of the Applicant's plan may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA. Monday thru Friday during regular business hours 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Any person wishing to comment can also do so via email to jmanning@quincyma.gov or by regular first-class mail addressed to the City Council Office 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02169 Attn: Jennifer Manning. Written comment must be received prior to noon on December 18, 2023 to be entered into the record.

Nicole L. Crispo
Clerk of the Council

12/7/23

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189 HANCOCK ST.

Place one (1) four-inch (4") PVC conduit approximately 5" to connect existing conduits located on the southerly side on Hancock. Interception point is located approximately 195' in a northwesterly direction from existing manhole, MH43/40A.

This petition is necessary to provide services to new construction.

Wherefore they pray that after due notice and hearing as provided by law. It may be granted a location for and permission to install and maintain poles, manholes, ducts and wires, cables. Said poles to be erected substantially with the plan filed herewith marked:- VZ N.E. Inc. Plan No. 1A6CN9A

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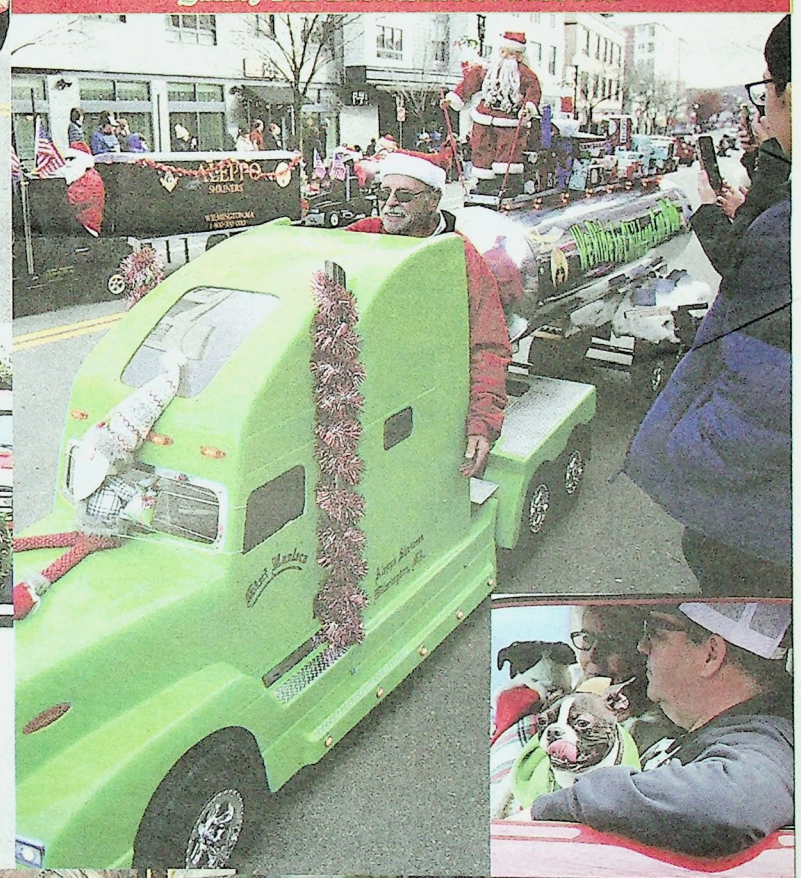
Any person wishing to comment can also do so via email to jmanning@quincyma.gov or by regular first-class mail addressed to the City Council Office 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02169 Attn: Jennifer Manning. Written comment must be received prior to noon on December 18, 2023 to be entered into the record.

Nicole L. Crispo
Clerk of the Council

12/7/23

More Scenes From The 70th Quincy Christmas Parade

Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth



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indicates that more than 35,300 people contacted Project Bread for food assistance last year. The statistics driving these calls are truly daunting. 18.8% of households in Massachusetts are considered food insecure. Furthermore, 1 in 5 children in the state are also considered food insecure. The increasing cost of housing and food are likely factors that contribute to the rising rates of food insecurity. According to the latest Project Bread statistics, 18.8% of households in Massachusetts are considered food insecure.

Another somber statistic, according to the charity Family Action, is that one in seven parents will unlikely be able to afford Christmas presents for their children this year. Based on the number of children in the United States and the average number of children per family, nearly 2 million children will go without a gift this holiday season.

Let us be mindful during this holiday season that while Norfolk County may be a destination place to live and work there are people who reside here that need our help. The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Annual Holiday Food Drive is underway, ending December 14th, and our 16th Annual Toys for Tots Drive runs now until December 8th.

Donations of toys or food can be brought directly to the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds building located at 649 High St. in Dedham and placed in the respective bins in the main lobby. Suggested donations for food include canned goods, breakfast cereals, pasta, spaghetti sauce, toiletries, and paper products. Donations of new toys and games for toddlers and children up to age 10 should be unwrapped.

If you can't get to the Registry of Deeds building to drop off food, you can check the Registry website at www.norfolkdeeds.org for a pantry location in your community. For a list of Toys for Tots drop-off locations, visit the Marine Corps Reserve website here: https://www.toysfortots.org/find-your-local-chapter.

Working together, we can truly make a huge difference this holiday season. By supporting each other and taking a moment to think of those in need, we can help individuals and families who may be struggling with food insecurity or the pressure to deliver on holiday promises, because no one should go hungry or have to choose between keeping warm and keeping the holiday spirit.

PARADE THEME WINNER – Mayor Thomas Koch (second from left) presents a plaque to Mia Sorgi (second from right) as the winner of the Quincy Christmas Parade Theme Contest prior to the start of the 70th annual Quincy Christmas Parade Nov. 26. The theme selected from over 30 entries was "Candy Cane Dreams." Norfolk County Dist. Atty. Michael Morrissey (left) and state Rep. Bruce Ayers (right) also participated in the presentation. *Courtesy Photo*

Monthly Meditation At Crane Public Library

The public is invited to another round of Meditation with Neeni Decha at the Thomas Crane Public Library on Tuesday, Dec. 19, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Meditation is about training your mind to calm down and become peaceful. A peaceful mind can reduce stress and bring positivity to your daily interactions-at home, in the workplace or wherever you are. A consistent practice of meditation can improve your overall quality of life.

Neeni will teach you the basics of Middle Way meditation and will guide you through a meditation session. Neeni began practicing meditation in Thailand more than 30 years ago. For the past 10 years, she has been conducting meditation classes throughout the greater Boston area and at the Dhammakaya Meditation Center in Quincy.

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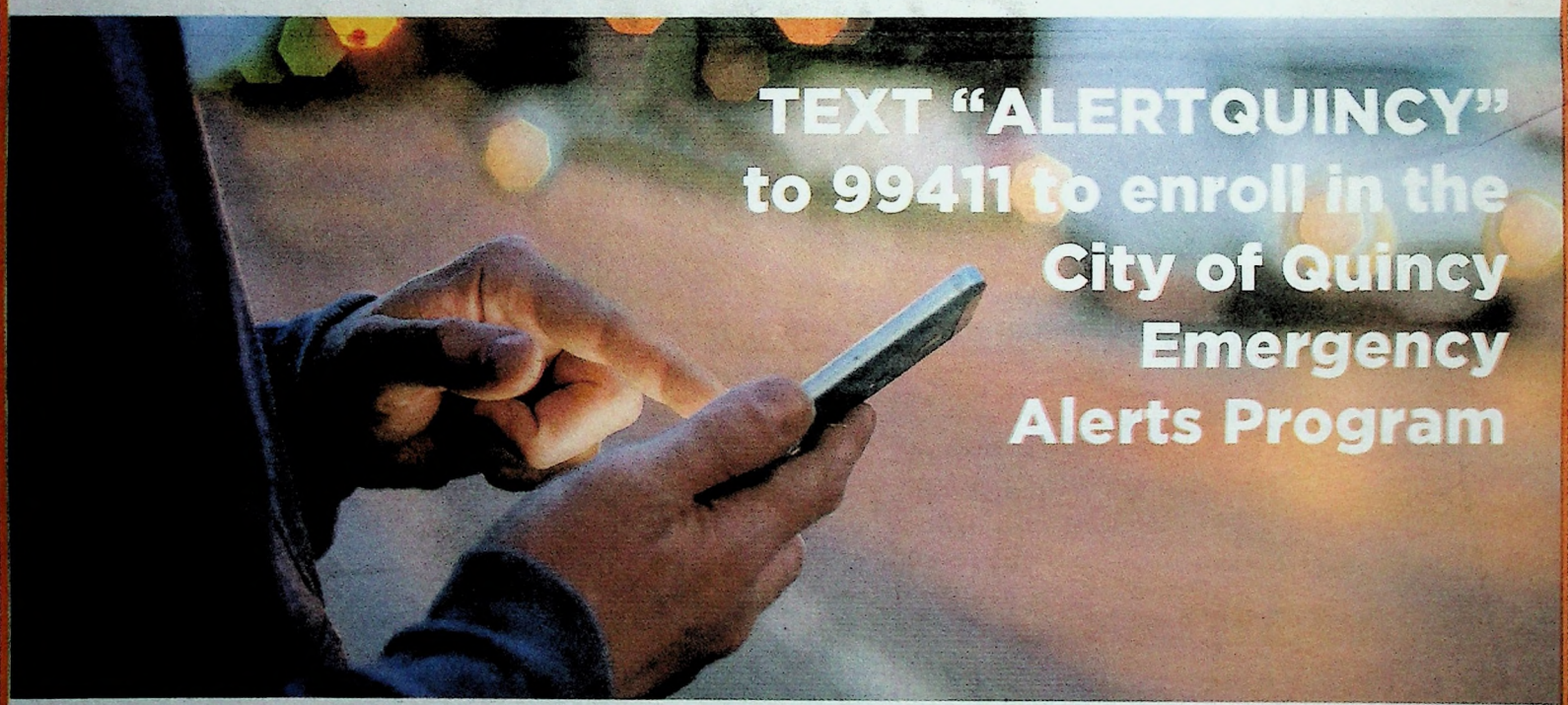
Alert Quincy is used for significant incidents and events where the timely notification of an affected population or geographic area of the city is required. The system can be utilized by city officials in both emergency and non-emergency situations. Examples of types of emergencies, incidents, or other events where the Alert Quincy system may be utilized include:

- Weather alerts
- Snow emergencies
- Flood information
- Water main breaks
- Street closings
- Evacuation notices
- Missing persons
- Fires
- Releases of Hazardous materials
- Gas leaks
- Crime alerts
- Utility outages
- Other information of importance to Quincy residents



Registering for Alert Quincy phone calls, text messages and emails is free. Please visit the enrollment link provided below to enter the required registration information (address, name, phone number(s) and email) or click the QR-Code here.

https://www.quincyma.gov/departments/emergency_management/alert_quincy/index.php

Residents may also Text "ALERTQUINCY" to 99411 from any mobile phone and a registration link will be provided via text to enroll.

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